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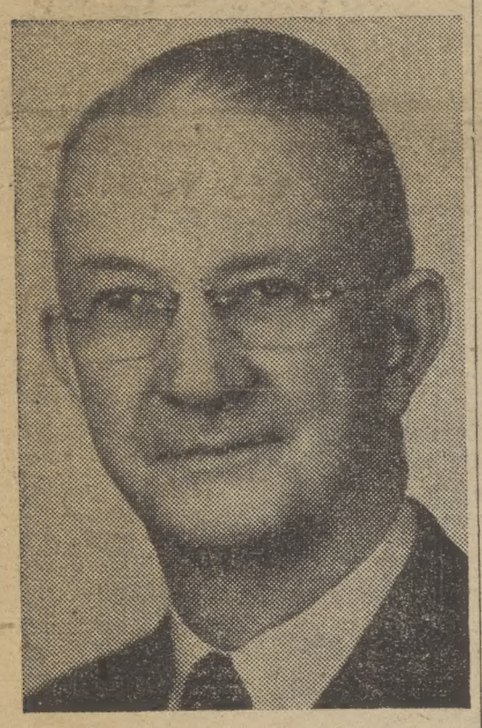

A. M. PALMER, M.D.

. . .Apparently the first LDS doctor to settle in Alameda County. Born in Logan (1885), left an established practice in Rigby, Idaho to practice in East Bay in 1925. He is stil in active practice.

## Huge, Spectacular MIA Dance - Music - Drama Festival At Long Last Comes to Northern California Staged in Big College Stadium Under the Stars

Some of the thrill which goes with the "under the stars" performances at the great June MIA Conference Festival in the University of Utah Stadium will now be available in the Sacramento Junior College Stadium, Saturday evening, June 2, 1956 for the twelve stakes of Division 12, Northern California.

Altho this first Northern California MIA out-door festival will of necessity be much smaller than the super-festivals that fill the University of Utah stadium grounds with dancers and singers each June in Salt Lake City, yet is will present almost a thousand beautifully dressed young ladies and young men in a colorful evening of graceful movement and enchanting music under the flood lights of a great stadium.

Who wouldn't love to be there to enjoy it all! No doubt the Sacramento Stadium will be filled to overflowing long before the 8:30 p.m. time for beginning the performance.

**Who Will Participate?**

The twelve stakes of Northern

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## 1000 Lily Blooms Light Tabernacle For Conference

A thousand and more pure California calla lily blooms from Berkeley Stake lighted the Salt Lake Tabernacle during the April General Conference sessions and won the expressed commendations of President David O. McKay. This was the annual gift of lilies from Berkeley Stake to the General Conference.

Five large cardboard florist flowers by air express. The first

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25 Years Ago

## Sen. Reed Smoat Slyvester Cannon Visit S. F. Ward

(From the Messenger of May 1931)

Senator and Apostle Reed Smoot and Presiding Bishop Sylvester Cannon addressed the Oakland Stake Conference 25 years ago. The days were April 25, 26, 1931.

"Pray always-pray for faith-it alone can bring happiness" was the keynote message. "Keep the Spirit of God. Never forget your prayers . . . . .if you do this you will keep

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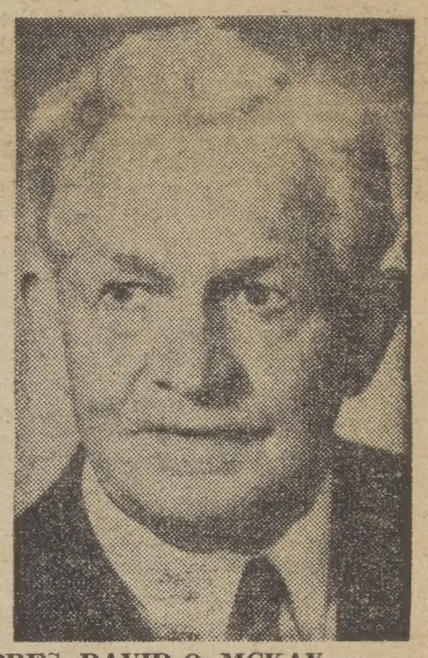

PRES. DAVID O. MCKAY

. . .Our beloved President David O. McKay will come to the Bay area to dedicate the San Rafael Ward chapel Sunday May 20. This lovely structure is the fruitage of much sacrifice of labor and money on the part of one of the smaller wards of S. F. Stake. The cost of the chapel is approximately $150,000.

## Contests Now Open to All For Original Plays and MIA Songs

Two major contests are announced in the field of original plays and M.I.A. class and general songs, by the General Boards of the Mutual Improvement Association.

These contests which are now under way and will close on September 30, 1956 are openned to all whether or not they are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

**Themes are required to be in keeping with L.D.S. standerds and ideals. Plays will have four classes: A—full length plays; B—musicals; C—short plays; D—a young writers' section for writers under twenty.**

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## Ten Year History of Oakland Stake Wards, High Council Told

**By Mildred Fontano**

In 1945 Dr. Eugene Hilton was president of the Oakland Stake with W. Glenn Harmon and Delbert F. Wright as his counselors and Hugh P. Anderson, stake clerk. They were putting much emphasis on the project of building a new stake center on the expansive MacArthur Blvd. lot near Lake Merrit. All the fourteen wards had stake chapel finance committees that raised much money by solicitation. The wards were as follows:

Alameda 440 population, Berkeley 940, Claremont 338, Dimond 738, East Richmond 543, Elmhurst

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## East Oakland Temple Site Grading and Leveling Fully Completed; Church Center Ground Breaking Soon

The entire 17-acre site of the future temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the East Oakland hills has been graded and leveled and is now fully usable and coveniently accessible from three main highways in the area. Ground breaking ceremonies for the new Inter-Stake Church Center on the site are being planned for the near future.

But it has taken five months of hard work with eight pieces of heavy earth-moving equipment, and 17 large hauling trucks. A

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## Local Member Instrumental Starting Birthday Penny Plan For Children's Hospital Fund

**By Trieste Hall**

While reading in the April Messenger of the many and large donations from the Primaries in this area to the Primary Birthday Fund, I recalled the origin of this fine activity. About in the year 1915

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## *Reminding Bishops, Stake Leaders,* Messenger Reports

All stakes, wards and ward organizations are reminded of last February's printed invitation to prepare and send to the Messenger NOW their written histories for the last ten years with large photos of historic importance.

This is part of our "Ten Years Then and NOW" historical and pictorial survey of LDS growth in the entire S. F. Bay area. The Messenger is thus celebrating its own "Ten Year History" since it was revived in 1946.

If your ward organization has not appeared among these historical surveys which have appeared in the Messenger please send the stories in now.

Oakland Stake.

# One Certainly Missed A Rare Treat Who Did Not Hear the Donna Smith, Russell Heath Concert in Oakland IV

By I. B. Ball

We have but one regret regarding the highly artistic musical concert given Friday evening, April 13 in the new Oakland IV chapel. That regret is that the auditorium where it was held could not have been as large as the Salt Lake Tabernacle, and that every seat could have been filled with listeners.

That spell of the excellence of the piano and tenor solo work of Donna Turner Smith and Russell Heath was on us as we sat at the concert, and still lingers more strongly as we report the program. The setting was beautifully in keeping with the event: the magnificent new Oakland IV chapel with its hill-top view of the whole bay area (seen from the recreation hall windows), the soft coloring of the chapel walls, the elegent treatment of the front area of pulpit, choir seats and organ grill; the brilliant lighting and feature chandeliers; the deep, soft aisle carpeting, the cushioned seats and the peaceful, graceful window drapes—all put one in the mood for an evening of artistic performance.

Space will allow for only the high-lights of the evening. The concert should be repeated for the uplift of the entire East Bay membership.

Of the finished piano interpretations of the masters by our Donna Turner Smith one person of taste was heard to say, "I never heard the piano played so exqusitely in all my life". Of the masterful renditions of the classics and the operatic selections by Russell Heath's clear tenor voice another person expressed himself in words something like this: "He sang feelings and thoughts, not just words. His modulations were thrilling; his expressions of feelings made one exult or weep, or feel love or sorrow just as the composer must have felt them."

Altho the program was a bit long for mixed audiences, still many would gladly have remained for any length of time just to have enjoyed more of the spell of high delight which the two artists threw over their entire audience.

The acid tests of audience reaction to public musical programs were passed with the highest compliments at the concert in the Oakland IV chapel that night. We refer to the tests of absolute, dead silence during the renditions of the numbers to the last one, and to the thunderous, and long continued applause that greeting the completion of each selection and called back the performers at the time of intermission and finale. Never have we felt such clear audience approval. Heads and faces nodded and smiled in deep appreciation of the artistry displayed, and the power of the artists to draw out the listeners emotions as the composers intended.

Finished technique in instrumental touch and in voice placement and control were so pleasing in the nice places, especially of the more difficult numbers. Both performers are masters of the concert stage, as they have both proven in many public appearance in the East and in San Francisco.

Sad that the times do not afford necessary support of such talented interpreters of the divine art of music at its best. They should be before the public all the time.

## Kay Napolean And Daughter City Entertainers

A unique experience came to Sister Kay Napoleon and her gifted duaghter when they were privileged to take part in the Oak-Oakland city plaza, before a large audience.

Being president of the local Hawaiin organization she was able to have a number of Hawaiin friends join herself and daughter in the presentation of the island people in the city celebration of spring.

An audience estimated at about 4000 applauded the program Friday April 20.

## Ward's Gay Way Will Help to Pay Tabernacle Fund

Alameda sponsored a real and unique Polynesian feast and dance-song festival Friday night, May 4 at 6:30, at the ward chapel for the benefit of the "Inter-Stake Church Center.

**Relief Society News**

Relief Society members celebrated the birthday of their organization March 20 with a splendid luncheon and a well-done pageant portrayed by nine of the members under the direction of Kai Napoleon.

Ruth Gustaveson has gone to enroll at the Brigham Young University.

The farewell testimonial April 1, for Richard (Dick) Stam was an outstanding affair with four of his bishops and Stake President Delbert F. Wright coming to wish him well. The Polynesian group presented leis, kisses and songs.

His own fond mother, Emmy, tenderly sang "Boy of Mine' with full expression and perfect control. His sweetheart of several years, Joan Russell also sang a beautiful solo. Clyde Russell, brother of Joan, played a piano solo. Dick's father gave the benediction. His many friends gave more than $200 and best wishes. Dick will labor in the Netherlands Mission.

Babies Blessed, April 1: Michael Lee Patterson, Martha Rae Crank and Ruth Kaipoakulaninuiamamau.

Confirmed Members: Carolyn Jean Kane Crank and James Oliver Hansen.

## Sat. Field Day, Sun. Services for Priesthood

A track meet, good food, and a program followed by swimming will be highlights of the Oakland Stake Field Day for Aaronic Priesthood under 21, at Castlemont high school athletic field, Saturday, May 12 to commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Sign-ups for this second annual track and field meet will start when boys register for events with their advisors at 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. At 1:30 a tug-o-war will open the meet: Other events will include: 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, wheel barrow race, long distance race, broad jump, high jump, relay races.

Points will be awarded to wards with the greatest percentage of young men participating, and individual winners will be given points according to place which will count toward ward recognition.

A program, and food, are planned for 4:10 p.m. followed by swim at Castlemont pool for 5 p.m.

Bro. Eugene Hilton of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood committee is directing the affair, with Ted Mudge, Truman Netherscott, Herb Marsh; Frank Davis, and Bob Anderson, heading committees.

Sacrament meetings in the wards of Oakland Stake Sunday evening May 13 will commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood.

## Spot News

Top items from Church News, April 7, 1956 which saints miss unless they take the Church News.

April 9 was the Golden Anniversary for President McKay. He was ordained an apostle April 9, 1906. . .

Pacific Grove, California, saw thirty nine LDS stdents of dancing from the BYU Conservatory of Creative Dance, Salt Lake City, participate at the Monterey Peninsula Children's Festival at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California April 3, 4, and 5.

The group made four appearances at the festival. They traveled by chartered bus round-trip. . .

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has the opportunity of presenting the "Church of the Air" program four times annually, two of the four times coming at the time of the April and October General Conferences of the Church. Thus we heard Elder Joseph Fielding Smith speak Sunday April 8 . . .

At the Primary General Conference, April 5-7 in Salt Lake City reports showed a great improvement in reverence during the year, but a stepped-up program for "more reverence will be continued this year. . .

## Hayward Ward Divided Into Hayward I and II

At long last the expected has happened!

Hayward Ward was divided into Hayward and Hayward Second wards Sunday, Aprill 22 by the Oakland Stake presidency.

Hayward had grown to a ward population of about 1025; therefore, the two new units will contain approximately 525 and 500 members respectively.

These two wards will share the use of the Hayward chapel with Castro Valley Ward until that ward completes a building of its own on a site already acquired and being paid for. A three-way program of meetings has been arranged.

The bishopric of former Hayward Ward consisted of D. Ross McClellan, bishop, with Douglas Pimental and Max Blair, counselors. The new Hayward Ward bishopric is composed of D. Ross McClellan, bishop, with Leigh Waddell and Victor Esrow, counselors and Shannon Murphy, ward clerk.

The bishopric of the new Hayward II Ward consists of Douglas Pimental, bishop, with Max Blair and Frank Davis, counselors and Max Robinson, ward clerk .

The boundry line runs north on Russell Street to the S. P. tracks; then south to Orchard Avenue; then east crossing Castro Street, which becomes Hill Street. The line follows out Hill Street.

All area south of this line belongs in Hayward II Ward. The south boundry of Hayward II Ward is the boundry of Eden Washington Township.

The first marriage in the Los Angeles temple performed by Temple President Benjamin L. Bowring March 30 united David Tyler of Santa Clara, California and Thomas Kearns of Compton, California. The Couple had met while serving in the Northern States Mission. Mrs. Kearns is employed by the county schools in San Jose while Elder Kearns is attending college there. . .

North Sacramento and Gridley Stakes again share honors among the top 25 stakes in the Church in regard to Senior Aaronic Priesthood attendance at sacrament and priesthood meetings. North Sacramento, moreover, is also among the top 25 stakes in regard to ward teaching. Both reports covered the Febrary 1956 activities. . .

Better watch that Reno LDS Male Chorus which sang so masterfully at the General Priesthood meeting April 7 and were heard in all the local stakes over a special wire service. Leader Ladd R. Cropper, new Reno LDS Institute director, has a habit of organizing male choruses whereever he resides. His wife is accompanist.

## Grant Johannesen Utah's Famous Pianist Appears "Standard Hour"

Grant Johannesen, Utah's celebrated young pianist who has fulfilled several concert tours in France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and South America, is heard frequently on N.B.C.'s "Standard Hour" from California and on A.B.C.'s "Piano Playhouse". He was piano soloist with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra at the Opera House April 27-28.

His Concert Hall records include albums of several of the masters' works and are very popular.

## BYU Coed Will Compete For Grid Queen Title

Berkeley's Football Festival this fall will have among its out-of-state competing queens lovely Joan Schoenfeld, recently elected competitively by the student body of the Brigham Young University to come to Berkeley as the "Y's" first entry in the coast event.

With the title of Spring Football Queen, Miss Schoenfeld (home state is Ohio) also received gifts from Provo merchants including silver, jewelry, china, and clothing and began her duties by reigning over the annual Blue-White Football game April 25 on the "Y" campus.

Runners-up for the honor of queen were La Deane Olsen and Karen Dixon, both of Provo.

Miss Schoenfeld has been offered a modeling position for the summer by bathing suit designer, the LDS lady, Rose Marie Reid, famous bathing suit designer and manu facturer of Los Angeles. Mrs. Reid plans to design the new queen's suit to wear in the Berkeley parade. Gerrie Schultz of Oakland was one of the ten girl finalists.


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# Ten Year History

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902, Hayward 482, Martinez 324, Maxwell Park 412, Napa 265, Oakland 784, Pittsburg 331, Richmond 472, Vallejo 1004; total stake population 7974.

The Oakland Stake high council was constituted as follows: Nathan Tolman, Wayne E. Mayhew, R. Kendall Thomas, Robert G. Larson, Rufus O. Phelps, Leo H. Crandall, Milton P. Ream, Von T. Ellsworth, Angus H. Norberg, Donald C. Bennion, Reed H. Chase, and Eugene B. Jacobs. Thys Winkel was alternate. Later high councilmen were as follows: Reed H. Chase, Robert L. Kenner, Emery R. Ranker, Allen B. Snowball, Eugene F. Hilton and A. Gifford Jackson. Alternates were Paul E. Warnick and Wilford W. Nelson. Isaac B. Ball was the stake patriarch.

**Oakland Stake Divided**

At the Oakland Stake conference held October 13, 1946, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve Apostles and Elder Clifford B. Young, Assistant to the Twelve, divided the Oakland Stake, calling the northern division Berkeley Stake and retaining the Oakland name for the southern part.

The new presidency of Oakland stakes follows: **Oakland Stake,** Eugene Hilton, President, Delbert F. Wright and Angus H. Norberg, counselors with Paul J. Hallman as clerk. The Berkeley Stake presidency consisted of W. Glenn Harmon, president, Wayne E. Mayhew and Emery R. Ranker, counselors. Oakland Stake consisted of six wards: Oakland, Alameda, Dimond, Maxwell Park, Elmhurst, and Hayward totaling 4251; while Berkeley Stake had nine wards totaling 4795: Berkeley, Claremont, East Richmond, Richmond, Vallejo, Napa, Martinez, Pittsburg, and Walnut Creek Branch.

The Oakland Stake high council at the time of division was composed of Rufus O. Phelps, Leo H. Crandell, Donald C. Bennion, Eugene B. Jacobs, Thys Winkel, A. Gifford. Jackson, William H. Evans, Robert T. Paine, J. Rulon Doxey, Archie Inger, and Owen L. Stuart. (Eugene B. Jacobs and Archie Inger have since passed away.) Harry Fletcher was the stake patriarch.

**San Leandro Ward**

On January 19, 1947 Elmhurst Ward was divided and San Leandro Ward was organized with A. Gifford Jackson, bishop; J. Newel Christensen and David L. Chamberlin, counselors with Robert C. Stoker as ward clerk. There two wards continued to meet in Elmhurst chapel until San Leandro completed renovating and remodeling a chapel and rectory they have purchased from another church. (The San Leandro ward is contemplating an expansive new building on commodious grounds they are now buying.)

On April 10, 1949 Elders Ezra Taft Benson and Mark E. Peterson of the Council of Twelve Apostles reorganized the presidency of the Oakland Stake. Delbert F. Wright was sustained as president with Angus H. Norgerg and Glenn C. Shaw as counselors.

Four years later Angus H. Norberg was released because of illness and Elmo R. Smith was sustained as second counselor. Glenn C. Shaw was made first counselor. In January 1953, Brother Shaw having moved out of Oakland Stake, Elmo R. Smith was sustained as first counselor.

Some of the high council had been released and the following were sustained at various times: Melvin G. Hart, Dennis L. Lauper, J. Howard, Dunn, Wilford T. Webb, Horace J. McFarlane, Heber James Brown, Glenn C. Rounds, Richard S. Smead, Elmer R. Clark, Roy F. Weindorf, Lorenzo N. Hoopes.

**Eugene Hilton Patriarch**

Former Stake President Hilton was ordained Oakland Stake patriarch in 1949. Robert T. Paine was ordained a patriarch when Brother and Sister Hilton went on a mission to the British Isles in January of 1951

Alameda Ward had been striving for yars to build a meeting and rcreation center The government camp called Shoemaker was being dismantled. Bishop Thys Winkel and counselors Howard Dunn and Oscar Fontano sponsored the tearing down of the spacious officers club which had been purchased with ward building funds.

From the proceeds of the sale of salvaged material, much augmented by voluntary labor and donations, the chapel was completed and dedicated June 26, 1949 by Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

On April 15, 1951 Livermore Branch was organized with Bruce McLaughlin presiding elder with Frank Nelson and Albert Cooper as counselors.

The same day in 1951 Hayward Ward was divided, forming the new Castro Valley Ward. The new chapel with parking area chapel, seventeen classrooms, recreation hall, Relief Society room and kitchen had just been completed. Both wards use this chapel today.

Orval L. Ostler became bishop of Hayward, with Max E. McBride and Doril G. Mathews, counselors, and Marion Smith, ward clerk. C. Ben Lamkin became bishop of Castro Valley with Erwin B. Bodily and Edmond J. Snurtleff, counselors and George McNiel, ward clerk.

**Centerville Branch**

Centerville Branch was organized March 9, 1952 from a part of Hayward ward. It is located in Washington Township, southern Alameda County. Clyde W. Lindsay was sustained branch president, Francis B. Winkel and James A. Robertson, counselors and Jed Oxborrow, branch clerk. The branch was made into a ward in 1955 with Francis B. Winkel, bishop and Henry Holms and Andrew G. Hunt, counselors with George Moffett and Earl Green, ward clerks. These far-sighted men instigated the buying and sub-dividing of a tract of land the proceeds of which financed the chapel building and grounds. This chapel is over half completed and will be ready for dedication this fall.

On March 8, 1953 parts of Oakland and Dimond Wards were taken to form a new ward called Oakland fifth and the names of the wards were changed as follows: Elmhurst to Oakland II, Dimond to Oakland III, and Maxwell Park to Oakland IV.

The new bishoprics for Oakland Ward was Frank C. Higham, bishop; Martin Jeffries and Dene Ogden, counselors with Frank A. Peterson and James C. White, ward clerks. In Oakland V the new bishop was Paul E. Warnick with John M. Hghes and Roy F. Weindorf, counselors, and Henry Hoem, ward clerk.

**Oakland Ward**

The Oakland Ward meets at the original Oakland chapel, a structure which was built when present Oakland Stake was still part of the California Mission. The Fifth Ward meets in the same chapel as Oakland III. The Fifth hopes to build a chapel on temple hill in the near future.

A joint stake recreation center and chapel will also be constructed on temple hill in the near future by the combined Berkeley and Oakland Staks. Ground has already

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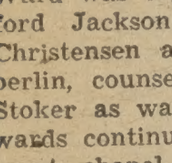

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# Interesting Story Business Daring Retold by Halls

About twenty-four years ago this April, three members from Utah decided to take "on" the management and distribution of a cosmetic which was manufacttured in Los Angeles by a Utah born concern.

In a suite of two rooms in the California Building, on Franklin Street, Oakland, these three, with the help and direction of the district manager, Willard Clarke and his wife, Marge, opened offices and put out ads for sales people. These three brave souls( for it was in the beginning depression years), were Walter Hall, his wife, Trieste and her mother, Catherine Pearson. George Pearson stayed in Utah to keep finances secure for the starting business. Of course, Walter Hall was also still holding down his successful coaching career at Oakland High School.

Many good friends in our stake responded to the ads and took duties as sales people. The course of the organization progressed. In the words of Catherine Person:

"Having had experience in selling and organization, I was offered this territory to represent the Charm Cosmetics. We recruited a sales force of forty women, at times, to sell and demonstrate the cosmetics. After a few years we moved from the California Building to open a lovely beauty solon in connnection with the distribution of the cosmetics. It was situated in the Tapscott Building, just off Broadway, in downtown Oakland.

Kathryn Pearson, now Kollenbaum, came from Salt Lake to manage the beauty work in the solon. We had come to Oakland in the depression years when shampoos and waves were as low as fifty and seventy-five cents.

Some of our LDS women worked with us as sales ladies: Sisters Lila Graham, Rita Kaleikau, Amelia Jones Everett, Pearl Hatfield Minnie Smith and LaRee Tolman.

The Charm cosmetic and beauty solon served a very fine clientele for thirteen years. But the press of enlarging families along with the retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, brought the desire to sell the shop and be relieved of its strenuous duties.

San Leandro Ward.

# Dinner Program Honors Widows

**By Lorna Beach**

Bishop Marcel Lauper was host at a dinner honoring the widows of our ward. A delicious meal was served and an evening of entertainment enjoyed.

Juey Duffin was sustained as counselors in the Relief Society. Madge Hieb was called to serve as secretary and Stella Phillips as magazine representative. Viola Schipper, Frances Lauper and Agnes Nelson were released with a vote of appreciation for work well done.

Gwen Wells has joined the faculty of the Primary association.

Vao Cheney, Bertha Berger and Johnnie, and the H. A. Urish family were among those attending General Conference in Salt Lake City.

Sister Irene Dutson is in the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery. We welcome back Ray and Theressa Sims and their son, Ray.

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# Clyde, Marie Lindsay Go To Australia On Church Work Mission

Clyde and Marie Lindsay of Centerville are on their way to Sydney, Australia in what seems to be the greatest call and adventure in Church service of their busy careers.

Called to serve as a work missionary, Clyde's ultimate assignment will be that of Treasurer of the Church Australian Building Project. This project envisager work in the next three years on 35 church biuldings in that island continent. These biulding are understood to include both new and remodeled chapels, a large church school and other structures.

Both Clyde and Marie will serve as proselyting missionaries whenever not actually engaged in the biulding work.

They were given a crowded-chapel farewell at the Centerville Ward Sunday evening, April 22. They sailed on the S. S. Orion April 28 from San Francisco for Australia with a stop over in Honolula.

**Honolula Visit**

In Honolula the missionariies will visit with Clyde Jr., and Janice Lindsay and family who are expected then to be in Hawaii because he is being transferred by the armed services to that place from his former post in Japan.

The "down under" address of Clyde and Marie will be (Taxton) Russell Street, Wollstonecraft, New South Wales, Australia.

Bro. Lindsay is a building contractor with a wide experience in the construction field. He has also given a lifetime of service in church work besides a mission in Europe, including MIA superintendant and M Men leader; Sunday school teacher and superintendant; branch president in San Jose. in Mission and in Centerville. Clyde W. also was in the first stake presidency of San Francisco Stake.

# What Takes Most, What Least of Church Funds

The April 1956 Statistical and Fincial Report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints containes most interesting data. It shows careful accounting of the funds of a strong rapidly expanding, many-faceted ecclesiastical organization. It satisfies and edifies the reader.

By far the largest expenditures of the Church occur under the heading, "Grand Total of Building Project Outlays in 1955. . .$31,723,367." This is more than 56 per cent of the total Church budget of $54,-801,068.

The smallest expenditure appears under the heading. "Auxillary Activities,. . . .$486,932." These organizations, of course, are supported by each wards budgetary funds.

The next largest outlay of general Church funds appears under the heading, "Total Expenditures for Wards and Stakes,. .$24,208,722. This includes buildings, sites, repairs, furnishings and for general ward and stake operating expenditures.

The four next largest total Church expenditures were for "Total Expenditures for Missions and Missionary Work," $8, 849, 697; for the "Church School System" $7,694,274; for "Welfare," $6,059,-361; ofr "Temples," $2,921,506, including new construction, and maintenance of all Temples.


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Oakland Stake.

## Clyde Lindsays Labor Missionaries Now on High Seas

Chares Enborson and Dick Stam have been called on missions, Dick going to Holland whence his convert parents came. Clyde and Marie Lindsay are also sea-going missionaries. Clyde was set apart as treasurer for the building program in Australia. Ralph Lauper has been transferred to Sacramento by the Leslie Salt Co.

Vandals broke into the San Lorenzo Ward chapel and did a great deal of damage. Bishop Smead reached the building as the vandals ran away. We give our support and sympathy to our faithful patient hard working bishops.

**Recovering from Polio**

The many friends of Marion Jorgeson will be pleased to know that she is recovered from the polio that she contracted in the Pacific Islands, sufficiently to get about without crutches. Marion is now serving as president of the San Diego Ward Relief Society. Many went to General Conference including:

Dr. and Mrs. Kent Matnez, William and Mrs. Osborn, President and Mrs. Wright, Elmo R. and Mrs. Smith, Bishop and Mrs. Curtis Bybee and family, Arnold Bangerter, Bishop and Mrs. Warnick, Mildred Fontano, Bishop Glenn C. Rounds and wife Mark Lauper. Vao Cheney, Bishop Richard S. Smead, Bishop and Mrs. McClelland, and Owen and Mary Stuart.

The Wesley Jones' of Oakland Ward are spending three months touring Europe.

The ladies of Centerville entertained the women of the stake at a luncheon and historical lecture at Centerville Club building April 18. Over 150 ladies and our dear editor I. B. Ball were in attendance. The profits were to help pay for the nearly completed chapel.

**Vacations**

The Oscar Fontanos spent a month vacationing in Los Angeles Nevada, and Utah. Fannie Bessie is spending six weeks touring Canada with a friend she made on her trip to Europe three years ago.

Janet and Joe Fontano gave Oscar and Mrs. Fontano their 25th grandchild on April 8.

Lorene Powell is in Los Angeles to attend pre-nupitial parties and showere for her future daughter-in-law. . .Lovely bridal showers were given to our charming Carmen Stevens by her many friends April 20, 23, and 25. Carmen is a college graduate, has filled a foreign mission, and has been a faithful stake and ward worker. Best wishes to her, and her future husband in their home in Oregon.

Ruth Lundquist of Kanab, Utah spent two weeks with her mother, Thurza Boyle of Oakland and Brother Lewis F. Boyle of Castro Valley.

Lula White of Hayward has just returned home from the hospital after an operation. Irene Dutson, one of our able stake missionaries of San Lorenzo Ward, is ill in the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery. Blanche Jacobs is home from her mission because of illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

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## Oakland Third Has New Bishopric

Bishop Herbert A. Van Noy and his counselors M. Dee Smith and Ray Jamison were released from their duties as the bishopric of Oakland Third Ward Sunday April 29. President Delbert F. Wright of the Oakland Stake presided and presented the new bishopric for approval by the ward memebrship.

Sustained as the new Oakland Third Ward bishopric were M. Dee Smith, bishop, with Ray Jamison and Kenneth M. Huston as counselors. The ward clerks will remain the same as before, namely Kenneth G. Matheson, Ronald Monson and Wallace Morgan. The ward membership at present is reported as 627.

Charles H. Houston has been serving on the Oakland Stake YMMIA board. He formerly served in the superintendancy of the Oakland Ward Sunday School. Moving to the bay area from Salt Lake City three years ago, he has been employed as an accountant for the Henry J. Kaiser Company, Oakland. Photos and biographies will appear in the June Messenger.

## *Centerville Draws Crowd to Luncheon Anna Patton Lecture*

Centerville Ward, Oakland Stake prettily situated in the center of the lush garden and orchard section of southern Alameda County, gave a large and successful midday benefit luncheon at the spacious, dignified Centerville Country Club, Wednesday April 18, 1956.

Ladies came in goodly numbers seemingly from every ward in Oakland Stake and from some in Berekeley until tables were surrounded by the diners. An estimated 150 enjoyed the luncheon.

Anneleone Davis Patton, LDS historian from Berkeley Ward, gave an interesting address on the life of John Horner and Mr. Nagalie both of whom came to California in the Ship Brooklyn in 1846 and settled, farmed and built in the present Centerville-Niles area.

Horner erected the first multi-purpose church-schoolhouse-townhall in the area. Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Overacker, a resident descendent of pioneers of this area, were able to drive after the luncheon to the exact site where Horner's early-day building had stood. An orchard now thrives on the land.

## Ward Society Owns Microfilm Reading Machine

The Oakland Third Ward Genealogical Society now owns a microfilm reading machine for the purpose of reading genealogical films.

This machine is available at 3737 Coolidge Avenue, Oakland. Call Grace Jackson, KEllogg 3-1181 for appointments with Mary Russell at her home, 3737 Coolidge Avenue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 9 p.m.

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## Local News Ten Years Ago This Month of May

(From the Messenger of May 1946)

In May 1946 Berkeley had not been formed into a stake (that came later in 1946.) The entire East Bay from Hayward to Vallejo and Napa comprised the Oakland Stake.

The May 1946 Messenger urged financial support of the "Stake Tarnernacle" project of erecting a spacious structure on the newly acquired stake site on MacArthur Boulevard near Lake Merritt.

Now in May 1956, that site has been long sold. A new inter-stake "Church-Center" is being planned to stand on a part of Temple Hill, East Oakland. . . .

Tribute by writing and photography is paid in the May, 1946 Messenger to Annaleone Davis Patton and Stanley Patton, her husband, for their unusual and devoted hospitality to LDS servicemen.

Nathan Tolman (photo also) had been appointed to lead the stake work for the adult Aaronic Priesthood members. . . . .A visit by Dr. Franklin L. West, Church Commissioner of Education is noted. He was to address the local Deseret Club and to consider the possibilities of establishing an LDS Institute. It came in the fall of 1946

The marriages of Robert Smith and Marilyn Jacobs, and also Duane Crooks and Marjorie Kest are noted in the May 1946 Messenger.

Ed Kingsford was given a missionary farewell party April 30, 1946 on leaving for the Mexican Mission. J. Rulon Doxey's biography is given. He was serving as Oakland Ward bishop and was employed in San Francisco as manager of the Statistical and Market Research Department of the California Packing Corporation (He still holds that very responsible position in 1956.)

William Walsh was leaving the East Richmond Ward to accept appointment in the General Church Welfare offices in Salt Lake, a position he has held with efficiency up to the present time.

## Local BYU News

Among the BYU students on the 1955-56 winter honor roll is Norene McClellan, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. D. Ross McClellan, Hayward Ward.

Norene came into BYU news prominence again on March 5 as a pianist participating in a recital by the "Y's" advanced students of Elmer E. Nelson, BYU piano instructor.

## 24 More Converts By Missionaries

By Amy Bruerton

The Oakland Stake missionaries —87 strong, including the mission presidencey—are carrying on in the proselytingh work of the Lord with great success so far this year. The April baptismal serviecs brought 24 more converts into the Kingdom, making 54 new Church members in the Oakland Stake to date as a result of Stake missionary efforts for only one-third of the year.

The mission presidency have assumed the added responsibility of getting in touch with their converts to keep note of each one's priesthood, church activity, or inactivity, and the reason for same.

An effort is also being made to restore interest in the Church among those who have become inactive. The Oakland Stake Mission is a step ahead of most missions in the Church by so doing.

Church authorities in Salt Lake City have requested statistics on our findings to help launch a project throughout the Church of successfully integrating its many new converts.

We are happy and proud that our humble efforts have been recognized by Church authorities as a help in pioneering so necessary and important a project.

**Missionaries Needed**

More missionaries are greatly needd in many of the districts of the stake. The Lord has commanded that we go two by two. Yet some of our words have only single elders or single sisters, thus greatly hindering the work. It is hoped that the new missioary training class cheduled to begin May 7 in Oakland II Ward under the direction of Sister Elsie Lyon will bring in enought new workers to cover these deficiencies.

Some changes in district pesonnel have been made. Our own Jay Van Wagoner, released from the stake missionary ranks approximately a year ago, is with us again as district president in Oakland II Ward. Elder Thomas Noble who has been acting as district president in this ward is now back in his own San Leandro Ward as district president, taking the place of President LaRue E. Diffin who is being released after fulfilling two years of outstanding service.

Presidnt and Mrs. Hancock, the only missionaries in San Lorenzo Ward, have moved back to Salt Lake City, this leaving that ward without any proselyting group.

Some difficulity is being found in getting used to the new names acquired recently among our lady missionaries. Carolyn Gustaveson is now Sister Blake, Joyce King is now Sister Marcum. In the Hayward Ward, Grace Blackwell has become Sister Hero. All are continuing with ther proselyting.

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# Looking Backward and Forward In San Francisco Stake

By David B. Neff

Looking backward one sees the time when in all of the Bay Area there was but one stake of Zoin—San Francisco Stake. At that time the Saints of this area were assured that the Church was prospering.

It increased in members to the point where a stake was made out of the various branches that had formerly been in the California Mission.

It had taken many years to make that progress: years of slowly building branches, helped by members coming from their inter-mountain region, years of work and often of discouragement, yes, but success eventually was achieved. A stake was formed.

Later events have shown that the formation of that stake was just the beginning. What was one stake then is now five. The smallest stake now has more members than were in the original San Francisco stake.

**Looking Forward**

Looking forward one can envision growth and Church activity that will make the present seem only the begining. The San Francisco stake of today is territorially much smaller than at its beginning, but the spirit of growth is even more evident today than then.

Today we can see what has been done and are confident even greater things can be done in the future.

Our goal for the future is twofold. As always we hope the Church will continue to grow in members but also that they will individually grow in righteousness.

As the Apostle Paul said. the Church has two fundamental purposes—to preach the gospel and to perfect the saints.

With the help of the Lord we hope to carry on these two activities and make the San Fancisco Stake membership an abundant and righteous people.

We are proud of the past. We are confident of the future.

Our Stake slogan is "THIS IS HIS WORK, LET US DO OUR BEST". If we apply this wholeheartedly the future can be nothing but bright.

**Officers Ten Years Ago**

Officers of the San Francisco Stake as of June 23, 1946 immediately after the Palo Alto Stake was formed from part of the San Francisco Stake are presented below:

J. Byron Barton, president; Serge J. Lauper, first counselor; Thiel D. Collet, second counselor; R. John Cummings, clerk and Robert E. Collins, assistant clerk.

High Councilors:

Henry E. Thomson, Frank A. Martin, Ray C. Hatch, Leon Lliddell, Ray T Lindsay, Glen P Vincent, Robert R. Bowen, Joseph Cyril Johnson, Harold R. Jenson, Harold J. Hickenlooper and Mervin E. Holt.

Stephen H. Winter was stake patriarch.

During the ten year period changes in the stake presidency, other than those effective now include:

Glen P. Vincent served as second counselor and Ira I. Somers served as second counselor and later as first counselor.

**Two New Wards Since 1946**

During the ten year period 1946 to 1956 San Francisco Stake has increased from four wards to six, Balboa Second and San Rafael Wards having been added. The Balboa Second Ward was added by division of existing wards and the San Rafael Ward was formerly part of the Northern California Mission.

Two ward chapels have been erected. One built by the Mission Ward is now being used by Mission and Balboa Second Wards, and one built by the San Rafeal Ward. A chapel is currently being planned for the Balboa Ward.

During this period a Welfare and Bishop's Storehouse building has been constructed.

The following are the wards of the San Francisco Stake in 1956:

Balboa, Balbo Second, Mission, San Francico, San Rafaael and Sunset.

**Current Stake Offices**

Present officers of the San Francisco Stake, April 1956, are as follows:

Serge J. Lauper, president; Wilford B. Murray, first counselor; Wallace N. Allred, second counselor; B. Herman Schettler, clerk and Evan C. Ray, assistant clerk.

Stephen H. Winter is stake patriarch.

High Counselors:

Hyrum Mecham, David B. Neff, Edward L. Howard, Jr., Louis D. Allen, Erving S. McDonald, D. Forrest Greene, Marius Jensen, J. Morrille Geoge, R. John Cummings, Harold J. Hickenlooper, Clarence L. Giles and Joseph W. Greenland.

## Santa Barbara's Music Academy Gets Utah Director

In the late summer of 1956, the director of the Utah Symphonic Orchestra, will resume his post of musical director of Santa Barbara's Music Academy of the West. It is said that he will direct performances of Mozart's "Figaro" in this Mozart year. This director is Maestro Abravanel.

In the fall of the year the Maestro will return to Salt Lake to direct another season of appearances of the Utah Symphony Orchestra as he has done so successfully for many years.

**SAN FRANCISCO STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY BOARD**

. . .The currently serving Relief Society Board of San Francisco Stake is shown above left to right: Front row, Vera M. Murray, counselor; Gladys R. Winter, president; Mary W. Tolley, counselor. Back row; Gertie R. Terry, secretary; Afton Logan, Mabel B. Liddell, Nana Cole, Nada Fluckiger, Thelma R. Curtis, and Nellie Daniels, board members. Absent: Della Gill, Mabel George, and Jack M. Quealy.

## Debate Team Wins For Third Year Over 100 Colleges

Th Brigham Young University debate team recently won the annual Rocky Mountain Speech Conference held in Denver.

**The team was awarded a plaque for being the first team to win first place three years in succession.**

Ned Hoopes of Downey, California, placed first in men's oral interpretation.

The event was attended by over 100 teams representing 33 schools from the Rocky Mountain and mid-west areas. Schools as far east as Illinois and as far south as Texas sent teams.

It was announced that the BYU score was more than twice that of the second place team. Faculty advisers who accompanied the students to Denver were Cleon Skousen and Jed Richardson.

## San Francisco Chinese Saints Won Nisei Basketball

The seemingly unbeatable San Francisco Chinese Saints did it again recently when they wrapped up their fifth consecutive Salt Lake Nisei Invitational basketball tourney in Salt Lake City.

They won by only a one-point margin on the long end of a 61-60 final tally over Hawaii's All Stars.

There is one thing for certain, however. There'll be a new champ in next year's 22nd tourney because the Chinese Saints will then be touring the Far East for some games in such places as Hong Kong, China.

## *Rabbi Gumbiner Addresses Students At LDS Institute*

Rabbi Joseph Gumbiner, director of Jewish student study and social life on the U.C. campus, addressed the Berkeley LDS Institute students Sunday evening, February 5th.

The genial and scholarly rabbi is an old friend of Director Lee Kenner of the Institute from their former days together at the University of Arizona at Tucson when each was directing the religious activities of their respective college young people.

The rabbi explained the three divisions among the world Jews as far as religious belief is concerned: (1) orthodox, (2) reformed, and (3) conservative. Only 50 to 60 per cent are allied to synagogues.

Their idea of the Messiah, the rabbi explained, is that he will be a man appointed of God and will come and redeem the world at the end of history and usher in a new era.

All Jews repeat the ancient words (Deut 6:5): "Hear, of Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord." This is their basic concept of the unity of God or monotheism. God is also unique; all else is subject to division. God is held to be entirely spiritual, having no physical body, explained the Rabbi. "The heart has reasons that reason doesn't know", added the speaker.

**Ideas of Man**

Rabbi Gumbiner said that the Jewish concept today is that man is created in the spiritual (not the physical) image of God. Man's life continues after death.

"Judahism is theism not mere deism. That is, there is a possible

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# Many MIA Events Highlight Stake

By Vivien Neff

(unavoidably delayed one month in printing)

**PRESENTATION OF DEBUTANTES HIGHLIGHTS GOLD AND GREEN BALL**

San Francisco Stake M.I.A. was host to close to 500 party-lovers at their Annual Gold and Green Ball on February 24.

Highlights of the evening was the presentation of 15 Debutantes—the new 18-year-olds of the stake. With a trumpet fanfare the green curtains of the stage opened upon a gold and green "Cinderella" coach, carrying out the theme of the ball, "Golden Fantasies."

**Debutantes and Fathers**

Following the presentation, the debutantes and their fathers danced the "Debutante Waltz." Participating were: Deanna Allred, Kathleen Stark, Patricia Weiner of Balboa Ward; Sherrie Roberts and Iris Simper of Balboa Second Ward; Connie Lambson and Dixie Oliver of Mission Ward; Deanna Dorius and Barbara Earnshaw of San Francisco Ward; Connie Egbert and Shanna Kneeland of San Rafael Ward; Margaret Ingram, Karen Ray, and Josie Rich of Sunset Ward; and Eleanor Low of the Chinese Branch.

A floor show followed the presentation in which six young couples danced the "We Two" waltz. Refreshments and small cakes in the colors of the ball were served from a lovely table covered by lace with a daffodil centerpiece out from which long lighted tapers glowed.

General Chairman for the ball was Audrey Grayson, YW Stake activity counselor, assisted by Marilyn Hollon, Gail Terry, Phyllis Bingham, Lois Burrows, LeNey Russell, Melisa Whitehead, Erline Schreiber, Gail Wood, and Dick Maurer.

**SAN FRANCISCO STAKE HOSTS ANNUAL MIA INSTITUTE**

Bertha S. Reeder, General President of the YWMIA, and Harold Glen Clark, representing the YWMIA, with 17 general board members conducted a six-stake MIA Institute on March 9, with San Francisco Stake acting as host.

Many enthusiastic words of council were given to the MIA stake leaders.

The general board joined the stake presidency and the MIA stake presidency at a dinner prior to the institute.

**MIA MAIDS HOST MOTHERS**

Mia Maids and their mothers enjoyed a lovely evening together at "Dear to My Heart Night" held March 13. Conducted by Dorothy Paxman, stake Mia Maid supervisor, the program consisted of a touching tribute by Linda Johnson of Sunset Ward to her mother. In turn, Sister Viola Johnson responded with a loving tribute to her daughter. Beverly Nalder of San Francisco Ward was the speaker for the evening. Her factual approach to her message was accepted with rapt attention by the girls.

The music was provided by Kathleen McDonald of Sunset Ward; Sandra Pike, Balboa; Pat Patterson and Shirley Storrs, San Francisco Ward. Others participating were Irma Lee Williams, Balboa H: Betty Umland, Balboa; and Hilma Glew, San Francisco Ward.

The evening closed with refreshments served by San Francisco Ward.

**NEW STAKE BOARD MEMBERS**

New members to the Young Womens MIA Stake board are Ruby McDonald, Jr. Gleaner supervisor; Dorothy Paxman, Mia Maid supervisor; Helen Barthez, Improvement Era director; Lois Gassoway, dance director; and Shelia Peterson, organist.

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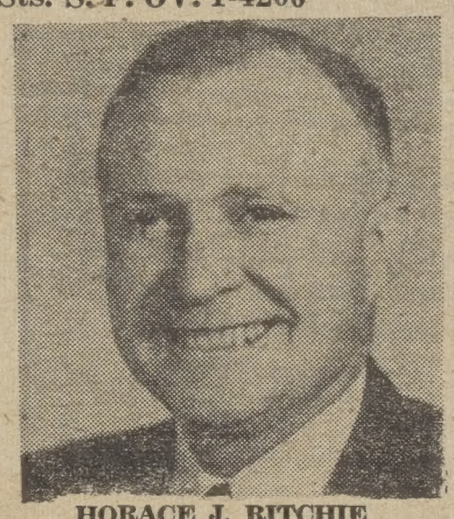
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. . .Here we visit the busy brethren in their Stake office. We see the books opened, data being checked, and reports carefully read. Left to right, Wilford B. Murray. first counselor; Stake President Serge J. Lauper, and Wallace N. Allred, second counselor.

## San Francisco Stake Calendar

MAY - 1956 STAKE MEETINGS:

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| May | 3 | Thursday 7 p.m. Stake Mel. Pr. & Sr. Aaronic Pr. Committees<br>8:00 p.m. Stake Presidency & High Council |
| May | 5 | Saturday 12:00 noon Div. 12 Volley Ball Playoffs (Senior) Los Lomas High School, 1460 South Main Street, Walnut Creek, Calif. |
| May | 5 | Saturday 7:00 p.m. Baptismal Service |
| May | 6 | Sunday Fast Sunday<br>2:30 p.m. Bishoprics and Stake Presidency |
| May | 13 | Sunday San Rafel Ward Conference |
| May | 14 | Monday 10:00 a.m. Stake Primary Monthly Prep'n. meeting, &<br>7:45 p.m. Stake Pres. meeting |
| May | 17 | Thursday 7:00 p.m. Stake Mel. Pr. Committee<br>7:45 p.m. Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency & High Council. (June Calendar dates to be checked) |
| May | 18 | Friday Relief Society Convention |
| May | 20 | Dedication San Rafael Cha |
| May | 21 | Monday 7:00 p.m. Stake Presidency & Stake Aaronic Pr. Comm.<br>7:45 p.m. MONTHLY STAKE PRIESTHOOD MEETING |
| May | 27 | Sunday High Council visits to all Wards<br>2:30 p.m. Stake Sunday School Monthly Preparation meeting |
| May | 27 | Sunday Mission Ward conference |
| May | 28 | Monday 7:30 p.m. M.I.A. Leadership meeting |

**Sunset Ward**

## Relief Society Lunch Draws 120 Ladies

**by Oreti E. Aaron**

A successful Relief Society luncheon was held Tuesday, April 10 at the stake house when 120 women served delicious food prepared by Roxie Kanzler. Birdella Pyle decorated the tables in a "Spring Motif; Grace Freeman was in charge of the hand-made booth; and Nettie Clark the baked-goods booth.

Mrs. Earl B. Murray, wife of the assistant conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and conductor of the Youth Symphony, was the speaker. Her topic was "What it is Like to be the Wife of a Symphony Conductor.". . . . .

The YMMIA announces Earl Mayfield as manual counselor with David Tolson as secretary. The YWMIA presidency was reorganized with Marguerite Roehl as president and Lila Gildea and Nettie Clark as counselors. Added to workers in Relief Society are Grace Freeman, work director, and Bernice Kramer, secretary. . . . .

Joining our ever swelling ranks of holders of 100 per cent attendance pins are: Jacqueline Tripp, Geraldine Purdy, Olivia Ball, and Edward G, Costa. John Allred was recently ordained a Priest.

Congratulations to the newly baptized and confirmed members of this ward: Patricia Ann Larson, James Eric Brown, Ruth Ellen Neerings, Glenda Mae Bare Edwards, and Raymond Joseph Speckman.

A daughter, Dorian Odette, born November 13, 1955 to Stephen and Jacqueline Deutsch was blessed March 4. A son, Mikel Kay Wade, born Februady 28, to Kay and Sondra Wade, was blessed on April 1, 1956.

**San Francisco Ward.**

## NEWS OF THE MONTH ERA DRIVE BIG SUCCESS

The Improvement Era drive was a big success in the San Francisco Ward. The ward topped its quota by a large margin. Thanks to all who helped. Although the drive is over, the ward is still striving for 100%. Subscription can be obtained from Nixon Young.

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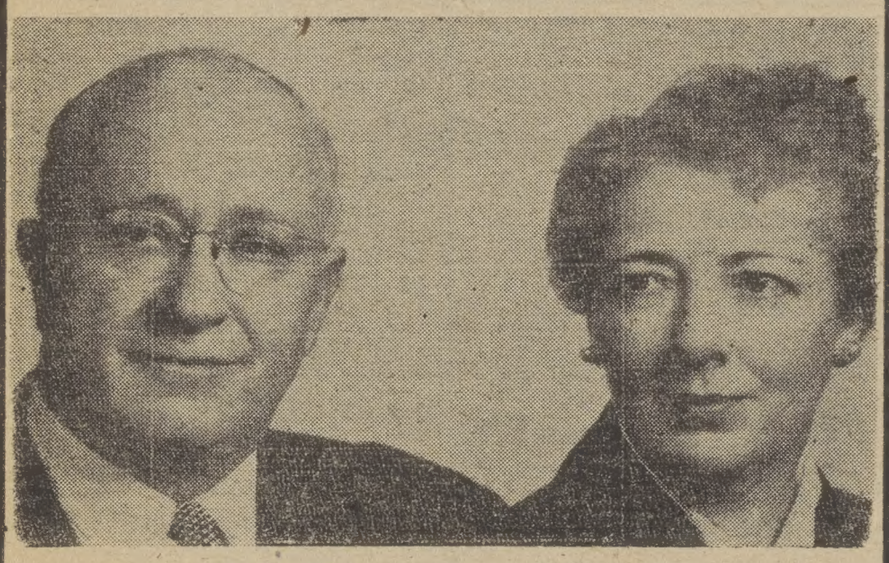

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## Hoddy Guitlard To Produce Opera For S. F. Stake

The San Francisco Stake M.I.A. announces the summer activity of the music departent, will be the presentation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, The Gondoliers.

Hoddy Guittard will be the producer. With his background, experience and enthusiasm the young people of the stake can be assured an exciting and worthwhile summer in opera work.

The Gondoliers is considered one of the finest operettas written by the famous Gilbert and Sullivan duo. It has a most unusuall plot and delightful music.

Recalling the successful production of Pinafore two summers ago, members of the M.I.A. will be looking forward to the announcements, due the end of May, of the introduction to the operetta, and discussion of the leading voices required and the tryout dates.

Such a production calls for many non-singers as well. There will be a place for everyone who wishes to participate.

**Mission Ward:**

## Ward Cagers Get Individual Awards

**by Helen L. Stolzenburg**

Louis Celantano presented individual trophies to nine members of the ward basketball team: Allen Tuttle, Harold Wells, Andy Swindt, Ivan Baker, William A. Stolzenburg, Newall Cutler, Rodger Lefler, Al Townseley and Kieth Tenny.

Naomi McDurmott was sustained as attendance secretary for the YLMIA.

Junior M. Men and Junior Gleaner Fireside was held at the home of Brothed and Sister Harry Raub. Bishop Joseph Harper spoke on "Stepping Stones to Eternal Progression."

Miss Judy Knowles will participate in a students' piano recital at San Francisco State college with the class taught by Vladmir Breener, famous pianist and teacher.

Reverence in the church was subject of Sister Connie Lambson's sacrament meeting talk.

After an absence of a year, Mission Ward Choir has again resumed activities under the direction of Shiela Peterson.

**Messenger Slogan**
I will include our LDS businessmen within the circle of my day to day shopping, even tho it requires going a little out of my way. I believe it's brotherhood in action.

## Which Auxiliary Organization And Priesthood Enrolls the Largest Number

Perhaps most Latter-day Saints would guess correctly that the Sunday Schools have the largest membership among the church auxillaries. They actually had an average attendance of 388,433, or almost one-third of the total membership in the stakes.

But what LDS auxiliary is next to the Sunday Schools in size?

Perhaps only a few would suggest as the correct answer the Primary, which in 1955 reported 255,061 participating in the stakes of the Church.

The next question involves the relative size of the Relief Society and the Mutuals in the Church as a whole.

Relief Society's total enrollment of 163,513 is larger than the total for either the YWMIA (151,709) or the YMMIA (158,619), but, of course is smaller than the combined Mutual enrollment (310,328) as of December 31, 1955.

THERE ARE MORE MEN in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints holding the Melchizedek Priesthood (186,250) than the members holding the Aaronic Priesthood (127,438). The total priesthood holders in the Church as of December 31, 1955 is an impressive 356,061 or almost one-third of the church membership, enough to fill the S.L. Tabernacle 44 times (counting 8000 as the seating capacity of the Tabernacle).

## *Help Given On Stubborn Ancestral Lines*

Many ardent San Francisco Stake genealogy researchers have been battling obstacles on some of their stubborn ancestoral lines for one or two decades. Yet they fully realize that every day, new avenues of information are being assembled. Such as the vast storehouses of micro-film, censuses, and the state depository centers, like University of California and Stanford University in the northern California area.

Mrs. William H. Urmy offers fine records on the Eleanor B. Eaton lineage of Tunbridge, Vt., to exchange with Samuel Dewey descendants. Home address—1011 Church Street, (14) San Francisco

Miss Helen Green, 811 Shrader Street, S. F. will exchange data on Samuel Drollinger family, and on the Alphonse Green family of Washington County, N. Y.

Mrs. Eugene O. Stracke, 1250 Stanyan Street, S. F. has data on Jacob Doll family of Cincinnati, Ohio; Theodore Lindecker, circa 1829 of Strassborug, Alsace Lorraine.

Mrs. Vinal Lefler, 344 Richland Ave., S. F. wil exchange data on Lefler family of Canada, abt. 1840.

Mrs. Henry Thorn, 223-21 Ave., S. F. on Hyrum Adams family of Rich Hill, Bates County, Mo.

Gardell Hunter, 36 Eagle Street, San Francisco, Calif., is compiling on Hunter Family of Alos, Clackmanashire, Scotland. Would like to correspond with decendants of Hunter and Penman families circa 1763. James Lollar, 1085 Church Street, San Francisco compiling data on grandfather James Lollar of Fayetteville, Ark.

Mrs. G. E. Schier offers extensive material on Abel Eccleston family and related families in County Down. Many Irish Eccleston branches.

## Correction and Apologies Offered

The article, "How One San Francisco Girl Fulfilled Requirements for Golden Gleaner Pin," was credited, in the April issue, to the wrong person. The story, which appeared with San Francisco stake news, should have been "by-lined" Helen L. Stolzenburg of Mission ward. The ward news editor apologizes for this slip.

(Thank you for this correction. All's well that ends well.—Editor).

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## *Senator Reed Smoat, Slyvester Cannon Visit S. F. Stake*

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your spiritality and always be thankful for it" admonished Elder Smoot. Esther Stephens led the Relief Society Chorus at the conference.

THE ANNUAL STAKE FIELD DAY was announced for Saturday May 30, 1931 in Golden Gate Park. The schedule of events included baseball, married vs single men; also mixed teams of ladies; races, horseshoes, and a grand ball in the evening. It ws Memorial day. . . .

THE OAKLAND WARD BASKETBALL TEAM came out stake champs in 1931, winning a title game 23-15 from Sunset Ward. The Oakland team included Ted Baer, Leon Baer, Ardene Van Leuven, Ken Everett, Lowell Carruth, Tom Ferguson, Stanley Carr, Ray Shields, G. Johnson, and James S. Sharp, coach. . . . .

A STAKE EXCURSION RIDE ON S. F. BAY on a large chartered ferryboat was advertised for July 4, 1931. On the committee were Eva B. Merrill, Esther D. S. Stephens, I. B. Ball, Clarissa Mahoney, D. F. Wright, and David B. Haight. . . .

BURLINGAME, DIMOND, OAKLAND, AND SUNSET Wards are reported in the May 1931 Messenger as having 100 per cent ward teaching records. . . . .

LILA BARROWS OF BALBOA WARD won first prize in the stakes story-writing contest ending April 25. Janet Nielson of Elmhurst took second honors. Two honorable mention winners were Agnes Felsch of Balboa and Mary C. Dunham of Berkeley (now of Palo Alto Stake). . . . .

MIA STAKE CONTEST FINALS WINNERS were announced including: Public Speaking, La Prele Lindsay and W. A. Hinkson, S. F. Stake; and Vera Mott and Wayne Robinson, Oakland Stake.

Dncing: Floyd and Gwen Grif- and Harold Hansen, Oakland Stake. fiths S. F. Stake; and Doris Braley

# Reminiccing About S. F. Stake

**Concluding Chapter**

**by Jean Lanper**

The first Sunday our family attended Church in San Francisco we met with Sunset Ward in the Masonic Hall at 9th and Judah. I was thrilled by the exquisite musio coming from the organ loft, some one was playing 'Prayer' from the Gothic Suite by Voelman. As I went to congratulate the performer I there met two sensitive and talented organists who have been closely associated with me since that day. Ida and Frieda Wihler.

Ida had recently returned from Europe where she has spent six years traveling all over Europe as accompanist for her brother, a concert singer. She had been appointed stake organist by President Stephen H. Winter and is still stake organist and has taken an active and effective part in the musical life of the stake. Frieda, an unusually talented musician, has lived in Los Gatos for a number of years.

**Lucile Blaker Organist**

Lucille Blake has been one of the most outstanding organist of the stake for many years, holding positions in many organizations. As a professional musician her responsibilities on Sunday are many, yet if she is free at any time her service is gladly given to the church. She is the organist for the Sunset Ward choir at present and a delightful, charming person to work with.

Sara Terry Andrews was Sunset Ward organist for years, and participated in many musical events as a singer and accompanist. Blodwin Davis, who passed away a year ago, was another accompanist in great demand.

While Sunset Ward still met in the Masonia Hall we organized a womens chours, the Sunset Chorale that provided the happiest associations musically I have known. Begun with about 20 voices, during the 12 years this group met, over 200 women sang with us. Will those who participated ever forget our wonderful experiences?

We sang on Utah Day at the Golden Gate Exposition and then in Salt Lake City M.I.A. convention, Eveyln Hansen being our soloist. When the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers placed a plaque to mark the arrival of the ship Brooklyn we sang several songs. We gave a benefit dance and raised money to furnish the ladies room in the stake house.

In 1939 the Lund-Chaminade ladies chours of Salt Lake City came down to enter the Eisteddfod at the Exposition. About 12 of us sang with them, replacing those unable to make the trip. It was a thrill for us when they were awarded first place.

Several times we sang at Golden Gate Park for the founders' day ceremonies; also at a number of PTA affairs, and in many wards on both sides of the bay and for many auxiliary and quarterly conferences. Week after week we met and sang just for the love of singing Happy years!

**Jennett Osmond, Accompanist**

Jennett Osmond was our first accompanist, then Ida Wihler, and Faye Stoker, and later Ida again, and Georgia Lauper at some concerts.

For mny months we met at the home of Floyd and Gwen Griffiths. Dear Gwen put up with such good grace, the inconvenience of this throng pouring in each Monday night. One magnificent voice that sang with us was that of Ida Starr, now of Seattle, and Laura Player and Agnes Lindsay, now of Palo Alto Stake; Thelma Merrill and Bonne Odell now of Berkeley; Gwen Griffiths, Merla Wilkins, Grace Gordon. Janneth Cannon - so many wonderful women.

One performance we particularly enjoyed was at the dedication of the stake house when Josephine Danford, Luna Hansen and Harriet Poland requested we sing their mothers favorite song, "A Dream" by Bartlett. They had gathered together the funds to purchase the fine organ in the stake house in memory of their mother, Hannah Morrison Thatcher. Later it was dedicated to her memory.

**Helen Chipman Richards**

In the past 10 or 12 years other musicians who have been notable in the stake include Helen Chipman Richards who built the San Rafael choir into a chorus of professional stature for a wonderful benefit concert for their building. Jane and Seymour Steed, both with beautiful voices, never turned away an invitation to sing. How we all love Janie for inspiring songs, and what a loss when they left us for a new home out of the stake.

Howard Ruff brought a professional background with him when he came to conduct the San Francisco choir and to put on the finest operetta the stake ever had, "Pinafore," which was produced during the summer of 1954. Howard is now the solist for the Air Force band and chorus, living in the east.

LaVon Wright Pardini was a child of about 13 when I first heard her sing. She had been offered a stage career, but her family perferred her staying at home with them. Her talents grew to include not only singing, but to become an outstanding director. She conducted the San Francisco Ward choir for years, always with great power and style. Ida O'Brien Burke accomplished wonders with a choir in Mission Ward.

**The Wells Wilkinsons**

Wells and Lorraine Wilkinson brought a refreshing new style of music to the stake, Lorraine with her gay light-hearted music had a TV show of her own, and Wells was an entire bass section of any choir he sang with. Their duet, "Pine Trees in Heaven", music by Lorraine, will long be remembered.

The Politis family must be mentioned. Lucas, a composer of talent, Marilyn and Chris with great voices. Sheila Peterson of Mission not ony sings beautifully, she is a director as well. Over the years many excellent M.I.A. music festivals have been held. In 1955 the first choir festival was held with great success.

The greatest triumph of the stake musicially was in the spring of 1954 when all of our stake singers gathered to form a large chorus for San Francisco Stakes benefit night at CINERAMA. Spencer Corwall, the distinguished conductor of the Salt Lake Tabernacle choir, came down to be our guest conductor that evening.

When the lights went up for the intermission and the one hundred and eighty singers walked down the two aisles and onto the stage, and Brother Cornwall stepped forward to conduct, we all experienced the thrill of a life time. That is a happy memory indeed. Georgia Hammond was at the piano.

And so the years have brought to our area many fine musicians, far too many to list completely and innumerable participants, without whom our musical events would have been impossible. All have made their contribution to our lives and spirits.

# Local Member Instrumental Starting Penny Drive

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I had the privilege of serving as president of the Twenty-Second ward Primary, under Bishop Alvin Beeseley in Salt Lake Lake City. About this time the Children's Hospital was being founded and the old Hyde home on North Temple housed the hospital. All the ward Primaries in Salt Lake were asked to raise donations for this hospital and the officers were asked to give time helping with the many duties necessary in such an undertaking.

Our ward Primary presidency, (Sisters Rebecca Carr, Ivy Brain and myself) met to discuss ways to raise this donation and decided on a plan. As a child in Primary celebrated a birthday the officers brought a cake and all the children in Primary were asked to bring a penny to be given to the hospital fund.

We tried the plan but it was too slow. Again we met to work out a better plan.

While in the discussion, an Inspiration came to me with an idea for getting assistance from the parents of the ward. From this came the beginng of the present plan, namely to ask for a penny for each birthday for each member of the ward.

As soon as we had carried out this plan it was taken over by Sister Asper, president of the Salt Lake Stake Primary. She was so enthusiastic about it that she carried it to Sister Felt and Sister Anderson of the General Primary presidency. From there it has gone to the whole church.

I am thankful for my little part and for the inspiration the Lord gave me. It is a pleasurable thrill to realize that the Birthday Pennies have been so successful and that they do help such a fine cause as the Crippled Children's Hospital. I have a burning testimony o fthe Gospel and feel humble when I see all its fruits.

# Ten Year History

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been leveled and prepared.

The Oakland IV Ward had its spacious pink-gray brick chapel almost ready for dedication. The Castro Valley Ward is paying for its view lot in the Castro Valley hills. San Lorenzo Ward has more than half completed a beautiful chapel large enough for two wards.

**Bishop Ostler**

Bishop Orval L. Ostler of San Lorenzo Ward, with counselors Colonel R. Vause and Harold L. Madsen, instigated the building of the chapel and Bishop Richard S. Smead and counselors Wallace R. Wimmer and Douglas Larson with clerks Max McBride and Marion F. Smith are working hard with the ward to complete the building.

The Oakland V Ward sustained a new bishopric in 1955: O. Leslie Stone, bishop, John M. Hughes and Lorenzo N. Hoopes, counselors, and Edwin E. Collins and Virgil E. Owen, ward clerks.

There are three new chapels nearly completed in the stake. The big project, however, is the interstake tabernacle. Already ways and means are being devised so that it can soon be started.

# East Oakland Temple Site Graded, Leveled

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total of 210,000 yards of earth have been moved, 75,000 being used for fill on the property, and most of the balance of 135,000 yards hauled to Alameda for reclaimed land from the waters of the bay. Some went to the parking area of Oakland Fourth Wark.

Two steam shovles have knawed away the upper part of the hill, cutting off 27 feet and leveling 3 and one-half acre for the site of the future temple. A ravine has been filled 35 feet to make level the acre-and-a-half site of the future chapel which will serve Oakland Fifth Ward.

At the bottom of the plot three terraces will provide a spacious area for parking as many as 400 cars at one time, and the terraces have been faced with sturdy concrete retaining walls.

The temple site proper is now accessigle from both Lincoln and Coolidge Avenues which run to the site from MacArthur Boulevard. Lincoln Avenue now has a bus line that reaches within a half block of temple till. Eventually this line will deliver passenger to the newy constructed private cross road on the temple site so that one will be able to walk to the Temple without any climb whatsoever.

Futhermore the state has completed recently an overhead pass which provides direct connection of Lincoln Avenue and the temple area with Mountain Boulevard. This is now in use.

Concrete retaining walls have been constructed to the total length of approximately 250 feet. One is on the Maiden Lane property line, one on the west property line, and two in the parking area as already mentioned.

Thus at an expense of $118,000 the valuable 17-acra hill-side property has been made into choice building and parking areas, available from the main boulevards of East Oakland, and on a regular bus line for those who do not drive automobiles.

Contractors for the grading and leveling work have bben Gallagher and Burk of Oakland. Supervisor of the work has been a trained and certified engineer, J. Howard Dunn of the Oakland Stake high council.

# Howard J. Marsh Becomes Bishop In Dallas, Texas

Howard J. Marsh, son of Catherine Marsh of San Leandro and brother of Herbert Marsh of Castro Valley Ward was sustained bishop of the Dallas Ward in the Dallas Stake, Sunday May 6.

Elder Marsh is a practicing attorney in Dallas; his wife is a daughter of Elder Henry D. Moyle of the Council of the Twelve.

Dallas Stake has a church membership of over 4000, spread over four wards and ten branches.

# Los Angeles Temple News

An initial ceremony was held in the Los Angeles Temple Saturday morning, April 14, preliminary to the first regular ordinance work, Monday morning April 16.

Heading the group at the ceremony was President and Mrs. David O. McKay and Elders Stapley and Evans of the Twelve.

On the opening day, April 16, twelve couples were married in the Temple by President Bowring.

**Temple Schedule**

The complete schedule for the Los Angeles Temple is printed below so that our readers concerned may clip it out and file it for future consultation for themselves and others who may ask for the information.

ENDOWMENTS—Daily, Monday throughout Friday.

BAPTISMS: By appointment.

CHAPEL SERVICE: Each morning, 8:30 a.m.

RECORDING OF NAMES:

8:00 to 9:00 a.m.—Living endowments and marriages.

1:00 to 2:00 p.m.—Endowments for dead only.

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Living endowments and marriages.

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.—Endowments for dead only.

Those going for their own endowments should be at the temple by 8 a.m. or by 4 p.m.

SEALINGS: Sealing for the dead performed daily Monday through Friday by appointment.

CALENDAR

Closes for Conference October 5-6.

Closes for year December 22.

Re-opens January 2, 1957.

Holidays: May 30, July 4, November 22-24.

# *BYU Mexican Tour To Visit Mitla, Monte Alban*

We learn that the annual Brigham Young University sponsored tour of Mexico will visit the famous and wondrous ruins at Mitla and Monte Alban in Southern Mexico as well as many other ruins of ancient American civilization in that fabled land below the border, including Chichen Itaz, Yucatan.

The Messenger editor, having visited these ruins only one year ago has very vivid memories of the astonishment with which our party viewed these astounding evidences of a highly skilled ancient civilization they represent.

The Hill Comorah pageant will be one of the high lights of another BYU sponsored tour, the Church History tour to early LDS Church sites in the Eastern United States. Of course information of these 1956 summer tours may be secured by writing to the BYU in Provo, Utah.

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**RUTH BENTLEY & DAUGHTER DIANE BENTLEY**
. . .Ruth Bentley, able Palo Alto stake Camp Director, is shown with her lovely daughter Diane Bentley ready for another camping season in 1956.

## Reed Benson, Son Ezra Taft Benson Campaigns For Dad

Reed Benson, son of Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture recently addressed the Young Republican League on the B.Y.U. campus in Provo, Utah.

Mr. Benson, twenty-eight, has filled in several times for his father at speaking engagements, and filled a mission for the Church in England.

A former Air Force chaplain, he was studying law until he started to work for the Republican campaign committee. He is serving as president of Washington, D.C. stake.

## Golden K. Driggs Manages Fresno Insurance Office

Many will remember when Golden K. Driggs lived in the East Bay and was very active in local Church affairs.

Today he has become general manager of the Fresno Office of the great New York Life Insurance Company, thus climaxing thirty years with the company.

The author of several books on selling, Golden K. was invited to speak April 4 before the "Executive Policy" class sponsored by the Brigham Young University. His topic was, "Optimism and Human Relations".

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**Palo Alto Stake**

## Ruth, Diane Bentley Others Praised For 1955 Camping

**by Frances Cresta**

Summer and summer camping of 1955 is not forgotten by those of us, in the Palo Alto Stake, who spent a most enjoyable seven days in the high Sierras at Camp Liahona.

While the young Bee-Hives, Mia Maids, Jr. Gleaners, Gleaners (four young counselors) and the group counselors contributed their share to the enjoyment of our stay there, still it is really to our capable, efficient, camp director—Ruth Bentley, and her daughter, Diane Bently, assistant camp director, that we pay tribute for an assignment well done!

The food was delicious, at all times, as only a trained dietitian, such as Ruth, cound "dish-up" from an open fire. Diane and her four assistants, Sandra MacCabe, Linda Player, Carol Ottley, and Mae Wilson, kept the girls singing and laughing whatever the camp activity.

Also, on the list of personnel were two "hard-working" handymen,—Mike and Dennis Gresta.

**Pres. Sydney Badger**

Our visitors, from the stake presidency and the Stake M.I.A., who came and stayed over the week-end made the Sunday morning service most thrilling. President Sidney Badger conducted the services.

The testimonies given were an inspiration to hear. Broher Badger's wife, Fran Badger, and their two children; along with Roy Kratzer, Stake Explorer Leader, his wife, Venice Kratzer (Stake Age-group Counselor) added their enthusiasm to the camp activities.

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## Huge Spectacular Music-Dance-Drama Under the Stars

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California running from Fresno to Gridley Stakes in the inner valley, and from San Jose to Santa Rosa Stakes along the coastline and the shores of S. F. bay will participate in this June Festival.

Included in the six dances as active participants from the 12 stakes will be Boy Scouts and Bee Hive girls, Explorers and Mia Maids, M Men and Gleaners, and the young married couples of the Special Interest groups.

More that 300 well-trained singers and 700 to 800 graceful dancers are promised for this first Northern California reproduction of the great prototype, the Salt Lake June MIA Festival of dance and music under the starry skies.

**The Happy Prince**

The script name of this MIA Music - Dance - Drama - Festival is "The Happy Prince." The 6 sections of the Festival program are as follows:

I. BUMPTY-BUMP with Boy Scouts and Bee Hive Girls, Explorers and Mia Maids.

II. ROYALTY WALTZ with Junior M Men—Junior Gleaners M-Men—Gleaners Special Interest.

III. a—TO TUR

b—NORWEGIAN MOUNTAIN MARCH—Both with Explorers and Mia Maids, M-Men-Gleaners, Junior M-Men and Junior Gleaners, Special Interest.

IV a—TARANTELLA

b—RIBBON DANCE—both with Explorers, Mia Maids, M-Men-Gleaners, Junior M-Men and Junior Gleaners, Special Interest.

V RED, WHITE & BLUE—with Mia Maids and Junior Gleaners.

VI SNOW DANCE—with Mia Maids, Junior Gleaners, Gleaners, Special Interest.

Note Nos. V and VI will be done by all girls. No VI will have selected girls in basic white costumes. These girls will be selected from the above groups.

**Dancers Now Being Taught**

The above dances are being taught to stake dance directors at regular institutes held by the district dance directors. The stake directors are being given full information which they may pass on to the ward directors who train participants from each ward so that they mey know all dances WELL prior to the Festival.

There may be as many participants as each stake can send—we can use any number or even one. No one will be left out who wants to participate.

Stadium rehearsal wil be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 1956.

Each stake is arranging transportation, chaperonage and, if necessary, over night accomodations.

Detailed information regarding the dancers is being handled by RAYMOND F. and VADA CRABBE, 3000 Franklin Avenue, Sacramento, California.

**Music For The Festival**

Music for the Festival will include: Land Of Hope and Glory by Benson, Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, No Man Is An Island and Preludes to Eternity.

At least 28 from each Stake 7 sopranos, 7 altos, 7 tenors, and 7 bassos will be used.

**Mass Rehearsal**

Mass rehearsal will be held Saturday, June 2 at the Sacramento Junior College Stadium at 1:00 p.m. Prior rehersales of the participants were arranged in each stake. Great stress is being placed upon the need to maintain Church standards in dress and conduct at all time. Many non-members will attend the affair and the Church will be judged by the actions and dress of our members. "Ever keep our fine reputation," is the slogan being heard everywhere. Information on the music is being made available through MILFORD A. PIGGOT, 2620 Sheridan Road, Sacramento, 21, California.

**Advantages Pointed Out**

Not only does it give our young people (the older ones too) a chance to exercise their talents, but it gives them the opportunity to broaden their friendships among their own people. And the experience in cooperative activity is invaluable.

Another advantage to be derived from this type of activity arises out of the fact that non-members who witness a fine highclass presenation under Church auspices are impressed with the value of usch activities. Therefore, we must give our best effort to make it a success and to maintain the high standards of the Church both in actions and in dress. We cannot stress too greatly the need to maintain Church standards in dress.

Detailed instructions for the simple costuming of the dance and chorus have been forwardd to all concerned. They will be simple and inexpensive but will be colorful, dramatic and in good taste.

**Technical Details**

Drama and technical details for the lighting and staging of the Festival will be handled by the stakes close to Sacramento. This is necessary because much advance work must be done at the stadium and all these items require several rehearsals in advance of the mass rehearal on the day of the festival, June 2.

Lorna C. Birchall, YWMIA president of San Joaquin Stake and Kirke M. Decker, YMMIA president of Berkeley Stake are Division 12 directors in general charge of the entire festival.

Stake priesthood authorities have supervision over all night and over-night participation of the members of their respective stakes, as well as general oversight of the entire program of divisional and stake activities.

Priesthood Meeting Attendance

| | Church Average | Palo Alto | San Fran. | Berkeley | Oak. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Attendance at Weekly Pr. Mtg. | 62 | 72 | 65 | 71 | 70 |
| Attendance at Sacrament Mtg. | 58 | 62 | 58 | 67 | 66 |
| Stake Monthly Priesthood Mtg. | 41 | 51 | 60 | 43 | 48 |

—From "Quorumette" by Palo Alto Stake High Priests Quorum, April 1956

## Palo Alto Stake Relief Society History Retold

**By Enid G. Starkweather**

The Palo Alto Stake Relief Society was organized, June 3, 1946, with Leila Gates as the first president and counselors Francis Wright and Ethel Beckstrand, with Iva Minard as secretary-treasurer.

They were particularly interested and enthusiastic about bringing about the "Visiting Teachers" program, and held a Visiting Teachers Convention every year.

Sister Gates also was instrumental in Palo Alto's being one of the first stakes in the church to complete a 100% building fund quota for the new Relief Society building in Salt Lake City. The outstanding part of this, is that she had only from March o October of 1947 to accomplish this amazing feat.

Each year the Relief Society sponsored a musical festival. They also filled a large clothing and bedding assignment, to be sent overseas, for the Church Welfare program. Sister Gates served under four stake presidents in her four and a half years as president, and resigned because of a very serious auto accident which undermined her health.

**Board Reorganized**

The Stake Relief Society was re-organized Aug. 7, 1951 with President Ethel Beckstrand, and Counselors Harriet Mack and Barbara Howell, with Julia Webley as secretary-treasurer. These devout women did an exceptional work in the Welfare department of our stake. They were released when we were divided into two stakes. They were living in the new San Jose Stake.

Sister Agnes Farnsworth Lindsay of San Mateo Ward was sustained as Relief Society president on Nov. 30, 1952, with Counselors Phyllis D. Farr and Josephine P. Sanders, and Clara H. Park as secretary-treasurer.

In the one and a half years of their service, over 300 pairs of men's trousers were completed for the Church Welfare. During this time three ward chapels were dedicated and the Palo Alto Ward chapel was enlarged. We all know the problems encountered by these sincere Relief Society workers as they did their work around a building program.

**Violet Smith**

They retired June 10, 1954, and Sister Violet B. Smith of Los Altos, was sustained as president, with her Counselors, Dorothy J. Peterson and Kathleen Huntsman, and Enid G. Starkweather as secretary-treasurer.

The Palo Alto Stake Relief Society for the last two years has been a very happy and spiritual group. The wards work well with the stake, and we have accomplished the aims we set out to gain. We have also sponsored two beautiful and worthy musical festivals.

We still have, after ten years as a Stake, one board member who has been on the Stake Relief Society Board the full time. She is Sister Myra Thulin, our literature leader. We wish to laud her for her deligent work and her outstanding success, as well as her loveable and endearing characteristics. Our board has been a spiritual and loving group, led by the capable and considerate president, and upheld by her good counselors. May this work of inspired womanhood ever be one with the priesthood in cherishing and sustaining the Kingdom of God.

## Whats the Church Membership of '55

The total Church membership as of December 31, 1955 was 1,357,-274, an increase of 55,034 during the year. Thus the Church now includes more than one and one-third million members.

The number of children baptised in 1955, was 32,807, while the number of convert baptisms was 21,669, or a total added membership of 54,576 for 1955.

At that rate of growth, accelerated as the totals increase, the Church membership may be expected to reach 2,000,000 by about 1966.

The number of stakes as of December 31, was 224 with an average membership in these stakes of 5,072.6. This does not include the missions.

The number of ward and independent branches in the Church on the same date was 2052 ,not including mission branches), or 9.3 wards and branches in the average stake.

The Church maintaines 44 full-time missions with 4,687 full-time missionaries, an increase of 968 during the year. Add to this the 6,565 stake missionaries at the close of the year, and the total of all church missionaries at the end of 1955 was 11,252.

# Reminiscing in Palo Alto Stake; Things Musical Then and Now

by Esther Stephens
(Concluding Chapter)

La Veda Gibb was called to be Palo Alto Stake music director.

Her vision and encouragement have done much to raise the musical standards of the stake. The fruits of her labors are apparent.

Palo Alto Stake was divided when the San Jose Stake was formed, November 30, 1952. The three San Jose wards combined to sing at the morning session of the conference, in San Jose's Civic Auditorium. The San Mateo Ward choir sang in the afternoon.

There are now ten wards in the Palo Alto Stake, each of the five wards having been divided within recent years. We now have an independant branch on Coastside, with meetings in Sharp Park. Choirs have been organized in the wards of the stake, and all are doing excellent work.

**Stake Choir Festival**

Most ambitious undertaking has been the "Choir Festival" held in recent years on a stake basis. The first "Pensula Mormon Chorus," comprising 150 singing voices was presented in a choral festival at the new San Mateo high school auditorium, May 24, 1954. The large auditorium had some vacant seats, but the performance was a tremendous thrill for those who participated.

The second choral festival, also with 150 voices, was presented in the San Mateo Ward chapel, Friday May 20, 1955. Housed in our own building everyone felt more at home. The event was of great satisfaction to those who had a part. Stanley S. Gibb, stake music chairman, with La Veda Gibb, stake music director, and Fredone Neilson, stake organist, headed the work.

**Relief Society Music**

The Stake Relief Society music deserves special mention whether under the leadership of Ruby Slade, Deane White or the present leader, Ann Davies Thomas. The fine music festivals which they have produced have been highlights. Sister Thomas is preparing the Relief Society Festival this year with a family night theme.

The Stake Primary chorister, Inez Astin, and stake primary organist, Laura Pugmire, are doing remarkable work with the children in Primary. In the correlation meetings, their preliminary music is an inspiration. They teach a new song each month. They are preparing the children with adult songs so that when they leave Primary, they will find that the songs sung in the meeting are old friends.

Many of the ward choir leaders deserve special mention, such as, Melvin Edger in the Burlingame and San Bruno Wards; Jane Steed in the Coastside Branch; Bill Stoker in the San Mateo; Alta Johnson and her daughter and Yates Farnsworth of Redwood City Ward; Opal K. Miller, the John Andersons with their talented daughters, and the Sterling Astins of Palo Alto Ward, and also the Lyle Egans of Los Altos Ward.

Futhermore one can not think of San Jose Wards without an appreciation for the Walton family and Sister Ethel Beckstrand. They have all given years of service.

My thought to the choristers and organists of the stakes would be: "God Bless You In Your Work. You need His help and inspiration in everything you perform. Never offer any musical number without a prayer asking Him to help you perform in a pleasing way before Him."

# Obituaries

**Berkeley Second.** Nancy May Baker. Born Nov. 12, 1875 in Beaver City, Utah. Died March 23, 195. Funeral held March 27 at the Wilson and Kratzer Home in El Cerrito. Interment at Memory Gardens, Concord. See life story elsewhere in this Messenger.

**Berkeley Second.** J. Earl Peterson. Born Nov. 14, 1889. Died April 6, 1956. Internment Sunset View Cemetery. See life story in this Messenger.

**Walnut Creek:** Brother Robert W. Simmons passed away April 5, at his home on Oakland street in Lafayette, after a short illness. He was a member of the Seventy's quorum of our ward. Interment was in Nampa, Idaho.

**San Leandro.** Margaretta Ashton Caldwell, 83, the mother of Pearl Meine passed away February 21 in Salt Lake City. Pearl flew to her mother to take care of her during her illness.

**Oakland IV.** John Dorfer passed away April 15. He had just returned from the temple in January where he and his good wife Vera Roffins Dorfer had attended to temple ordinances. Sister Dorfer had been instrumental in converting her husband.

**Oakland III.** Rose Clark just returned from the funeral of her brother in Salt Lake City.

Our sympathies are extended to all the above bereaved people.

**BIRTHS**

To JoAnn and Bob Anderson, a boy born in April 1956.

**Oakland V.** Bud and Pat Stone's boy, born March 27, is the first grandchild of the O. Leslie Stone of Oakland V.

**S. F. Ward.** Born to Jerry and Lela Cahill, a baby boy on April 14, 1956. They named him Scott D. Cahill.

**Hayward:**

Mary Webb, mother of Clifford E. Johnston of Hayward and stepmother of Wilford T. Webb, Jr., Evadell Loomis and Ann Livingston, died in Burley, Idaho April 18, 1956. Marrying Wilford T. Webb Sr., after the death of her husband Adam Johnston, she moved with her family in the early 20's to San Francisco and in the early 30's to Hayward and helped build these church centers. The story of her life will appear in the June Messenger.

# Births

**Alameda Ward:** A girl, Robin Carlene, was born April 3, to Carl and Jeannine Ferre.

**Mission Ward:** On April 6, a son, David Lee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Polits, Jr.

On February 15, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Sessions.

**Walnut Creek:** Edward Davis Friden, 6 lbs. 13 oz., born to Stanley and Mary Jane Friden of Danville.

Heather Ann, 7 lbs. 2 oz., born February 11, daughter of Jack and Betty Mosher of Lafayette.

Marsha Ann, born February 29, 8 lbs. 4 oz., to Mark and Marge Bickley.

A boy for Armand and Ruth Mauss, born February 22. Weight: 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Sherrie Lee Marker, born March 4, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz., daughter of Clyde and Nola Sullivan.

Kathryn Lynn Stauffer, 10 lbs. 4 oz., was born Sunday, April 8, a daughter of Carol Green Stauffer and the late Robert D. Stauffer.

**Orinda:** The Messenger is duly ashamed of itself for omitting at the time formal mention of the greatest event for Jack and Ruth Cain Smith. Everyone now knows that tiny Rodney Thomas Smith arrived in earth February 29 at exactly 9:58 p.m. (Jack held the stop watch) and has put up permanently at the Smith Home.

**Queen Ward, N.Y.C.** Dave and Jo Ann Fry (formerly of Berkeley Ward while Dave finished course at the U.C.) write a happy note saying that a little baby girl, Barbara Annette, came to live with them April 3

## Southern California Hears Many Utah Entertainers

While the stakes in Northern California hear BYU musical organizations year by year, the stakes in Southern California are also visited by these BYU groups, but also by other Utah entertainments.

For instance, in early April the Salt Lake Symphonic Choir composed mostly of 100 graduates of South High School of that city, led by Armont Willardson, traveled in three busses to St. George for a concert, to be followed by a series of concerts in San Diego, Disneyland and other Southland points.

The large and very active LDS population in the 18 stakes in Southern California provides encouragingly large audiences for a larger variety of LDS Utah groups than is yet possible by the less numerous LDS population in the northern half of the "state by the blue Pacific."

## Rabbi Gumbiner

(continued from page 5)

contact man to God, a hidden God but a revealed God. Torah is this revelation", declared the speaker.

"Man lives in a covenant relationship to God; Israel has been chosen for a task in the world, namely, for the revelations of God, to be a missionary nation," concluded the rabbi.

It was announced at the meeting that Rabbi Gumbiner would soon go to fill two speaking engagements in Utah, one before groups of students at the University of Utah, the other before similar groups at the Utah Agricultural College in Logan.

# Wedding Bells

**Mission Ward:** On March 26, Miss Lois Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Kelly of Vallejo, was married to William A. Stolzenberg. A reception for the young couple was held in the recreation hall of Vallejo ward.

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**Oakland III.** Rosiland Call, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira B. Call was married to David Estrada of Mexico City, Mexico, in the Mesa Temple, March 23. The Estradas reception was held March 26 in the Dimond Ward. They are making their home in Mexico City.

**Rodeo.** Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Lott of Rodeo recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Jon Fitt, son of Bishop T. Cleon and Sister Hope Fitt of Tormey. Doris and Jon are stud-Tormey. Doris and Jon are studmer wedding in the Salt Lake City Temple is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kersey of El Sobrante have announced the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Milton Brown o Martinez. They will be married in the Salt Lake Temple in early June.

"How is your son getting on with his medical studies?"

"Very well, thank you," replied the proud mother. "He can already cure very small children."

Strange that a man will buy a home and then buy a car to get away from it.

# Life Story Late Nancy G. Baker Ship Brooklyn Line

The recent death of Nancy May Goodwin Baker of Berkeley is more than the passing of a devoted mother, and true friend. It marks the passing of one of the Ship Brooklyn and Winter Quarter pioneer connections.

Nancy was born in Beaver, Utah, November, 12, 1875, the child of Albert Story Goodwin and Mary Joice Cooper. Her mother, Mary J. Cooper, was born in Nauvoo, Illinois, and was carried in her mother's arms when the dispossessed Mormons crossed the frozen Mississippi in 1846.

Within the year Mary's father and mother died and were buried at Winter Quarters on the Missouri River. The infant Mary was taken to the wagon of Brother and Sister Murdock who brought her to Utah.

**Child on Ship Brooklyn**

Albert Story Goodwin was carried aboard the good ship Brooklyn when the Latter-day Saints chartered that vessel and sailed from New York Harbor February 4, 1846, the very same day that Mary Cooper left Nauvoo as told above.

Albert's mother, Laura Goodwin, died at sea and was buried at Juan Fernandez Islands. (Where Alexander Selkirk, the real Robinson Crusoe, lived Laura's funeral sermon (May 1846) was the first Mormon sermon preached in the Southern Hemisphere.

The ship Brooklyn group, first colony of Anglo-Americans to come to California's shores, landed at what is now San Francisco, California, on the 31st of July 1846. Isaac Goodwin brought his seven motherless children (Albert was a baby) ashore. Later in the autumn he moved to Mission Dolores where Angelina Lovett, also a Mormon of the Brooklyn, conducted the first school in California, where English was taught. The school was held in the Mission shed.

**Moves to Centerville**

Albert's father, Issac, moved to what was to become Centerville, Alameda County. His children attended the John M. Horner school. Later the Goodwin family moved to San Bernardino, California and from there to Southern Utah in 1857.

One of Nancy Bakers most treasured possessions was the old first reader used by the Goodwins in Centerville, California, in San Bernardino, and in their homes in colonizing Southern Utah.

Mrs. Baker was sincere in her testimony of the gospel. She had a justified pride in the courage of her partents. She was well versed in early California history, ever eager to learn more about it.


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"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

# The Latter-Day Saints and Prosperity

When the Liahona Club was organized in 1944 by brethen in the Dimond Ward (now Oakland III Ward) they expressed a desire to aid younger men who were interested in becoming established in business.

**Editorial**

This desire to assist others in well expressed in the "History" of the Club (Roster 1952-53): "It was in 1944 when many servicemen were returning. . . many with the goal of a business of their own that the Liahona Club was first conceived. The basic idea to help such servicemen was nurtured in the minds. . . of the charter members of the Club, who are willing and anxious to further the success of the individual in business."

These are high and noble principles and are in harmony with Scripture and with the counsel of the Church leaders from the beginning.

**The Primary Call to Latter-day Saints**

The Lord has called the Latter-day Saints to build up his Kingdom in the earth. That call is primary, but it carries with a proviso clause in regard to more material matters. In the familiar phrases:

"And now if Zion shall do these things she shall prosper and spread herself and become very glorious (D. & C. 97:18)

Years later when the dispossesed saints had become established in the valleys of the Rocky Mountains and well fixed materially Brigham Young could verify these promises of the Lord. He said:

"I can witness one fact, and so can others, that by paying attention to the building up of the Kingdom of God alone we have got rich in the things of this world; and if any man can tell how we can get rich in any other way, he can do more than I can da.

"We leave our business and our families and go out to preach the peaceable things of the Kingdom, and pay attention to that, never thinking of our business of our families except when we ask the Lord to bless our families . . .

**Principles of Salvation and Success Are the Same**

"When men act upon the principles which will secure to them eternal salvation, they are sure of obtaining all their heart's desire, sooner or later; if it does not come today, it may come tomorrow: if it does not come in this time, it will in the next."

Speaking of the reasons why some men feel that fortune is against them Brigham Young declared:

**"I can tell you the reason of this—you are in too much of a hurry. You do not go to meetings enough, you do not pray enough, you do not read the Scriptures enough, you do not meditate enough. You are all the time on the wing that you do not know what to do first.**

**"This is not the way to get rich . . .to get the comforts of life. If we desire to get them let us take a course to get them.**

"Let me reduce this to a simple saying . . . simple and homely . . . 'Keep your dish right side up' so that when the shower of porridge does come, you can catch your dish full". (Discourses of Brigham Young, page 476).

**Responsibility Joined to Success**

But responsibility to help others goes with one's own material success, the President taught. He said:

"The more we are blessed with means the more we are blessed with responsibility. The more we are blessed with wisdom and ability, the more we are placed under the necessity of using that wisdom and ability in the spread of righteousness . . . and the amelioration of the conditions of mankind . . . If we have a world of means we have a world of responsibility."

Thus we are given the working principle for obtaining in one the riches of the earth and the riches of eternity. These two riches are seen to be really attached to one another in the relation of cause and effect in the long view.

# Spot News

Top interest items from the Church News, March 31, 1956. One misses much unless the Church News is available each week.

The Deseret Book Company is offering bonuses for writers of Latter-day Sain Church literature during the year April 1956 to April 1957 . . .

The LDS Church furnished the NBC "Faith in Action" program, Easter Sunday, 1956. Apostle Spencer Kimball spoke on "The Resurrection is Real". Elder Bruce R. McConkee of the First Quorum of Seventy spoke of "Faith in Action", March 25, on "Hosanna to the Son of David". . .

President McKay's beatiful spiritual Dedicatory Prayer, delivered at the Los Angeles Temple dedication March 11-14, 1956 is given in full in the Church News of March 31, 1956, and the April Era. . .

The MIA General Board is sponsoring a class song-writing contest from now until September 30, 1956. Class A will be class songs for age grops while Class B will consist of MIA songs selected for general use. Prizes of $30, $20, and $10 will be awarded in each class. . .

A campaign to increase ward teaching in Columbia River Stake recently took the form of three divisions of the stake each led by one member of the stake presidency. It succeeded, says the stake president.

## *Thus Saith The Lord What Say Ye?*

Doctrine & Covenants 1:7, 18:

"Wherefore, I the Lord, knowing the calamities that should come upon the inhabitants of the earth, called upon my servant, Joseph Smith Jr., and spake upto him and gave him commandents. . .that they should proclaim these things unto the world."

Now ask, What calamities? Name them:

Two World Wars, and the dark cloud of another one heavy on every heart;

Americ's Mexican, Civil, Spanish and Korean wars;

Name Europe's many serious wars;

Name famines, plagues, earthquakes and great fires.

# My Testimony

It takes years of experience sometimes for very fine people to recognize the importance of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. And sometimes it takes sorrow, even tragedy, to force us to face life's real issues. Such is the testimony of Sister Mabel George wife of Dr. J. Morrille George of San Francisco Stake.

For many years she had associated with Latter-day Saints, while attending school at Brigham Young University and in close friendships in San Francisco. There was no feeling against the Church that she remembers, rather a complete dis-interest. Always there was the inner thought, "These are fine people, but I have my own Church.

She was busily engaged in assisting her husband in his medical practice which assumed such large proporations that often the doctor was forced to see patients in the late hours of the night in order to see them at all. They both felt that their lives were very rich and full and interesting. With the exception of the doctor's assistance to Bishop Claude W. Nadler in welfare cases where medical help was needed—there simply was no time for Church. That was—until 1948.

In December of that year, Dr. George was injured severley in an automobile accident. The doctors worked over him all night long From ten-thirty in the evening until six in the morning, Sister George waited at the hospital, alone, hardly conscious of the passing hours.

"I was so alone," she states, "I realized then that I had nothing to lean on in time of crises."

The doctor's convalesence lasted many months. It was September before he was able to resume any part of his practice and even then he was not well enough. His circulation was greatly impaired and he suffered from increasing pressure in the heart region. Finally he bacame so ill that after a doctor's consultation, surgery was decided upon as a last hope. Sister George was told that the doctors were reasonably sure that her husband was suffering from cancer. Knowing full well the seriousness of the situation—she faced what she supposed was the end.

"I prayed as I had never prayed before," Sister George relates. "I promised the Lord that I would never do anything that would keep my husband from activity in his Church.

"I called Bishop Nalder to request that he give my husband a blessing. He was happy to do so. Assisting him in the ordinance was Brother Edward Hinckley, my husband's cousin. Both Brother and Sister Hinckley had fasted twenty-four hours before coming to the hospital, in my husband's behalf.

"After that blessing all fear and tension left me. I was free from worry. I felt completely assured that whatever happened would be alright. I kisssd my husband as he went into surgery and assured him that I would be waiting for him.

"After the long and tedious operation the surgeon came to acknowledge to me that it wasn't skill that helped him through that ordeal. It was the assistance of a higher power than his. They had found a large oval tumor in the chest cavity, weighing over eleven pounds. It had crowded the heart clear over under the arm pit and into an upside down position. Every organ in his body had been affected by this abnormality. There was no cancer evident and I was overjoyed when I saw my husband again. I could immediately tell by the appearance of his hands that his circulation was nearly normal.

"I had no doubt now—that there was something more to this Church than could be found anywhere else in the earth."

After another long convalesence Dr. George was able to resume a reasonably active life. Sis. George was baptiized by Bishop Nadler just previous to his departure from San Francisco to assume duties as a mission president. Both Dr and Mrs. George are now cheerfully filling positions in San Francisco Stake and recently they had the great joy of assisting in receiving the long lines of visitors to the Los Angeles Temple before it was dedicated.

**"The Lord chasteneth whom he loveth" is well understood by Dr. and Mrs. George and they have shown us that sorrow is often a blessing in disguise. Sometime in our lives, we can all say with the poet,**

**"I walked a mile with pleasure, she chatted all the way,**

**But never a thing did I learn from her—for all she had to say.**

**I walked a mile with sorrow—and never a word said she,**

**But, O, the things I learned from her, when sorrow walked with me."**

Bishop's Message

## *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*

**by S. F. Ward Bishopric**

Dear Brethern and Sisters of San Francisco Ward:

There is a favorite Latter-day Saint hymn entitled, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord."

This hymn is an expression, signifying the desire of members to obey and to serve the Lord as directed through His chosen leaders.

Do you recall in the scripture when an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying: "Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord?" And Adam said unto him: "I know not, save the Lord commanded me." Then the angel explained the reason for the commandment. Adam has sufficient faith in the wisdom and love of God to obey any commandments.

We, as members of the Church are afforded opportunity through obedience and activity in the Church to gain stronger testimonies of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to grow in leadership and ability.

Though we encourage everyone to accept a church calling, it should not be the cause of embarrassment to decline if conditions warrant. The principle of free agency is unquestioned in this Church and in this ward. However, when a person feels to decline a calling because of factors not obvious to others concerned, that person would do well to counsel with the bishop or officer responsible for the assignment and make known these circumstances. Then, let the leader, inspired by our Heavenly Father, determine whether a calling should be made.

REMEMBER OBOEDIENCE IS AN ETERNAL PRINCIPLE OF PROGRESSION.

Brothers and Sisters, we invite you to join with us in Fast and Testimony Meeting each Sunday immediately following Sunday School.

(This letter was sent out under the date of February 29, 1956.)

## "Y" Leadership Week Features Geneaology Research Courses

Six courses in genealogical research will be conducted at Brigham Young University during the annual Leadership Week, June 18 to 22.

Noted LDS Church authorities and BYU personnel will conduct the many classes offered during Leadership Week.

Classes will be held for ward and stake officers on genealogy leadership and organizational problems; and for experienced researchers on research problems and methods.

Three separate classes in American, Scandinavian, and British Isles research will be offered.

Registration for Leadership may be accomplished by mail through contact with the BYU Extension Division, Provo, Utah.

**THORPE B. ISAACSON**

. . .counselor to the presiding Bishop, Elder Iasscson attended the Berkeley Stake Conference April 28, 29.

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## MESSENGER STAFF SEES CHANGES

Th staff of the Messenger's circulation department, under the direction of Milton E. Noe, has recently seen some changes. James B. Gleason, Berkley 2nd Ward, has taken charge of the embossing of new plates for new names on the addressing lists of the various wards. This is done on the graphitype machine which the Messenger owns. Tom Hopkins had been doing this work.

David Call is the new typist for the editor of the Messenger in place of Gary Millward who is now attending the Brigham Young University with George Warford and Jeffery Millward, all pals from Claremont Ward. They write that all are enjoying the school and are looking forward to returning to Berkeley early in June for vacation.

## Redwood City Man Gives $100,000.00 To LDS University

Brigham Young University gets $100,000 from the estate of the late Daniel C. Jackling of Redwood City, California, former official and engineering genius of the Utah copper pit mines of Bingham Canyon, Utah. He died March 13, leaving an estate of $7,000,000.

President Wilkinson of BYU announced that the gift will be used for the establishment of a library on the "Y" Campus.

Mr. Jackling bequeathed $25,000 to the University of Utah, and $25,000 to the Shriners Hospital in Salt Lake City.

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Mardell Smith is recovering from an extended illness. We all send her our best wishes and hope that she will be back with us soon. . . . .

We offer a warm welcome to Irene Presnell and Ellen Church who were recently baptized membrs of the Church. . . . .

June Cain has just been released as Primary secretary. A vote of thanks for her excellent work. Mary Comendant was sustained in her place. Flora Black is the new Group I teacher. Your Primary officers and teachers appeal to all parents to see that their children are in attendance at the special Primary Sunday evening service on May 6th. Please have the children there by 4:45 p.m. . . . .

We offer our deepest sympathies to the families of Sister Nancy May Baker and Brother Earl J. Peterson, both of whom passed away. Life stories of each appear in this Messenger. . . . .

David and Barbara Hulme are building a new home on the Arlington. Rex and Phylis Daniels will soon be in their lovely home on Kingston Road. Anna Lea and Glenn Spencer will start a home in Walnut Creek and Leah and Whitney Felt are building in Lafayette. We will be sorry to see these couples leave the ward. . . . .

Elmer and Eva Harker are expecting their daughter, Dorothy Ann, her husband, Eugene Bramhall, and their young son, Christopher, home from France. Eugene has just been released from the army.

Ward members call LA 5-2813 if you wish news to appear in this column.

# MIA Leader Files for County Board of Educatio

George (Herb) Macey of Plesant Hill Ward and counselor in the Berkeley Stake YMMIA has announced his candidacy for the position of trustee of the Contra Costa County Board of Education for a term of four years.

The election which will be held May 18 provides that the entire county shall vote for the trustees for each of the seven county school wards. "Herb" is running for trustee of ward 4 which includes Concord, Plesant Hill, and part of Walnut Creek, and is known as the Mt. Diablo Unified School District.

Herb is advertising executive and a youth leader in scouting in the county and vice president of the Oakland Advertisers Club.

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# Liahona Club Hears Del Wright Tell of His Recent Harvard U Experience

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Present to hear President Wright was the Club's largest attendance of the year under the able chairmanship of President Dale Roe.

"Let me take you with me to see just what I saw at Harvard," began the evening's speaker, Bro. Wright. Then followed the interesting sequence of events begining with Sept. 15, 1955 when the executive course opened in Harvard's famous School of Business in Cambridge, Massachuetts.

**Details Sketched**

Described by the speaker were such interesting details as his room mate, an oil company executive from Philadelphia, their quarters on the campus, the grouping of the 160 executives into sub-groups of eight men each and their day to day proceedures. (The groups of eight stayed together, ate together and met together in discussion groups.)

Included in the total of 160 business leaders were two presidents, seven vice presidents, one chairman of the board, five company attorneys, department engineers, production managers, comptrollers, and bankers. Five were from California, four being from the San Francisco Bay area, and representatives from England, France, Sweeden, Canada, South America, Iran, and Indonesia, and every state in the Union.

President Wright explained that this school for executives met six days a week from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The afternoons were left for reading, group discussions, and preparation for the following morning class sessions, which consisted of three courses in the first part of the day and three other courses the second part.

**Six Courses Studied**

The six courses thus studied were Business Policy, Business and American Sociey, Marketing, Cost, Finance, and Administration.

The method of class proceedure in each course was the case-method whereby an actual case was outlined each day with its problems, and assigned for reading and study of the problems raised for the class next day.

Bro. Wright sketched briefly the large thoughts studied in each course such as open-mindedness and tolerance and decentralezation in the course on Business Policy. The course in Business and American Society led by a Harvard philosopher, Charles Gragg, incorporated serching questions of business ethics, religious principles, and responsibility to society.

**Union Officials Attend**

In the course in Labor Relations 12 union officials met with the business executives. Talks included conciliation, Taft-Hartley law, and communism.

On the lighter side President Wright told of the delicious eastern fresh oysters and lobsters, the excellent dining room, the frequent meals down town. He praised Dr. George Albert Smith, a staunch LDS Branch leader and professor in the School of Business.

The benefits were great, some tangible, many intangible as the value of associations made and personal conservations.

## Alameda Naval Air Station Reserve Personnel Get Priesthood Meetings

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And by the way, everybody, it's still in order to mail that word of thanks if perchance you haven't done it. And then, a bow to you too!

# 1000 Lilly Blooms

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boxes carried the 540 pounds of shipment was timed to arrive in Salt Lake City at midnight, Tuesday, in time for the opening meeting of the Primary Conference that morning in the Tabernacle.

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Berkeley Stake

# Stake Invited to Send Girls Chorus And Twenty-Four Voice Mixed Chorus To Great June MIA Conference

Berkeley Stake has been invited to send a "Stake Girls' Chorus" to participate in the Conference sessions of the MIA June conference, June 16, 1956 at Salt Lake City.

In addition to the invitation for a Girls' Chours, twenty-four voice mixed chorus invited to sing in the annual conference Music Festival which will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 15, 16 at the Tabernacle.

These invitations are a distinct compliment to Berkeley Stake and offer a grand opportunity for our young people to participate in the events of this great conference.

**They are, however more than invitations; they constitute a call for Church service which can not be ignored, it is stated by Stake MIA officers.**

**No Second Chance**

It is doubtful that this stake may again get such an opportunity for service and partcipate in this great event for many years to come. The Church is growing so fast that the limited number which may be selected precludes a call to the same stake for many years to come.

**Bishoprices, parents and Presthood authorities are urged by MIA officers to do all they can to aid in this great event. With such strong support the stake will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.**

Rehersals are now being conducted under the direction of the Stake MIA music director, John H. Harmon and Lorraine Wilkinson, ably assisted by ward MIA music dirrectors.

## LDS Realtor Gets Exclusive On Capital Estates

LeRoi B. Gardner, 1954 president of the Berkeley Real Estate Board and former Berkeley Ward bishop, has accepted the exculsive sales agency for Capital Estates, a 250 home development in East Concord near the new LDS chapel.

Mr. Allison Stutsman, president of the Alro Development Company, owners and developers of Capital Estates, and a good neighbor of realtor Gardner, selected the LeRoi B. Gardner real estate office as his first choice for a proper sales organization fo the large Concord subdivision.

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## Latest LDS Business Opened In Berkeley

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clive Davis, Claremont Ward are the latest LDS who have gone into a large business venture in Berkeley. They opened the "Travelodge", a $200,000 motel of that chain of fifty-three motels, for business January 7, 1956 at 1820 University Avenue, Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who are operating the motel, are co-owners in the establishment with Mr. and Mrs. Hollis A. Hunt of Carson City, Nev. Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Davis are sisters.

The $200,000 motel is the fifty-third in Travel-Lodge chain, which has its headquarters in San Diego. Half the ownership is vested in the San Diego corporation, and a half ownership is held by the Davises and Hunts.

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Davis says that in about three months his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cockayne, will take over as resident managers. Then the Davises will go to Los Angeles to manage a Travelodge motel across from the new Temple on leased church land.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis, who opened a motel in San Carlos before starting the Berkeley venture, are old-timers in the motel business. They moved to California from Cedar City, Utah, where they operated the Skyline Motel for nine motor court in Salt Lake City for five years. Davis, a native of Utah, was in the sheep business there.

## History of Doctors Dentists in The East Bay Area

The Mormon population in Alameda and Contra Costa counties can be justly proud of its representation in the medical and dental professions of this area. According to available records, the first doctor to arrive was Alfred M. Palmer, M.D.

He was born in Logan, Utah, March 31, 1885, graduated from the University of Colorado in 1911, interned at the L.D.S. Hospital in Salt Lake City in 1912, and left his established practice in Rigby, Idaho, to settle in Alameda County in 1925. He is still in active practice here.

Following soon after were Doctors Ray Fisher, Milton Ream and Clarence Gardner. Dr. Ray Fisher served on the Oakland Stake high council when the "Messenger was in its infancy. With the gradually increasing number of Mormons moving to the Coast, more doctors and dentists came, mainly from the Rocky Mountain states.

**Doctors Now in Practice**

At the present etime at least the following list of LDS medical doctors are practicing here: H. Cless Crockett, Glenn R. Dorius, Grant Ellis, Boyd Farr, Homer S. Fornoff, Melvin G. Hart, Dean E. Hart, James Gordon Holmes, William Knowles, Elwood Watson Lyman, Richard Watson Lyman, Joseph L. Marriott, Lafayette Monsen, Kenneth A. Nielson, A. M. Palmer, Rodney Palmer, Sidney M. Priday, Emery R. Ranker, Marc Ricks, G. Douglas Ream, Milton R. Ream, Thornton F. Spindler, Charles Reed Smith, C. Ronald Smith, Herbert Ungricht, and C. Clarke Welling.

The list of LDS dentists includes:

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## Berkeley Stake Social Calendar

MAY 1956

May 3 Thursday 7:30 p.m. Stake Family Night, Berkeley Chapel
May 6 9:00 p.m. Stake Fireside, for unattached, over 25, home Ira J. and Bee Markham, 290 LaVista Ave., Concord
May 12 Saturday 1:00 p.m. YWMIA Fashion Show, Walnut Creek Recreation Hall.
May 12 Saturday 8:00 p.m. Stake Youth Dance, Walnut Creek Chapel.
May 12 Sturday, 8:00 p.m. Stake General Priesthood Meeting, Berkeley Chapel.
May 13 Saturday 7:00 p.m. High Priests' Quorum Meeting, Berkeley chapel
May 19 Saturday 8:00p.m. Stake Youth Dance, Walnut Creek Recretion Hall
May 21 7:30 p.m. Stake MIA Leadership, Berkeley Chapel
May 22 Tuesday Stake Junior M Men & Junior Gleaners Council Elections
May 25 Friday 7:30 p.m. Stake Bee Hive Girls - Mother and Daughter Meeting, Walnut Creek Chapel
May 26 Saturday 2:00p.m. Bee Hive Girls Swarm Day, Berkeley Chapel
May 26 Saturday 8:00 p.m. Stake Youth Dance, Walnut Creek Recreation Hall
May 29 Tuesday Mia Maid Festival

JUNE

June 2 Saturday 8:30 p.m. Division 12, MIA Music-Dance-Drama Festival, 12 Stakes Participation. Sacramento Junior College Stadium, Sacramento, California.
June 5 Tuesday 7:30 p.m. General MIA Activity - All wards
June 15 - 17 JUNE MIA CONFERENCE FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, Salt Lake City


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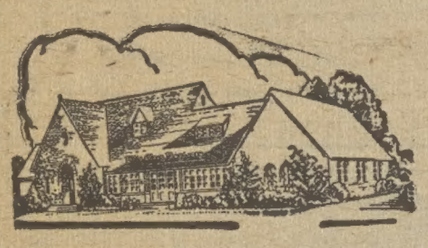

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Berkeley Stake

# What Plans To Activate Senior Aaronic

The theme of the Berkeley Stake Conference session Saturday evening April 28 was "What plans to activate our Senior Aaronic priesthood members?" Presiding Bishop's Counselor, Thorpe B. Isaacson and Alfred W. Uhrhan were the visiting brethren.

Berkeley Stake Singing Mothers led by Emma Harmon, with Grace Summerhays accompanying furnished music for the two Sunday April 29 stake conference sessions in the Richmond Auditorium. Stake chorister Nico D. Snel Jr., led congregational singing at each session.

Thoughts from the Berkeley Stake Conference:

"We must find ways to transfer faith and testimony to our senior Aaronic priesthood brethren and their families or the help they volunteer on work projects will not finally activate them. The intangible things of the spirit must accompany the tangibles or they cannot be re-converted to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"We need to approach a senior Aaronic almost as we do an investigator. They must be taught again the principles of the Gospel". —President Ranker.

"We need in this work to think of the story of 400 men searching boy lost from a mountain camp; day and night for a week for one and of that other story of 3000 people joining hands and moving forward to sweep over an entire wooded area where a lost child had been seen."—Bishop Ward Green.

**Kenath D. Jensen**

"I have just come from LDS play-off games involving a hundred 15-17 agers, all potential senior Aaronics. It is at these ages we lose most of our boys.

"Berkeley Stake has 738 potential senior Aaronic priesthood children and see what a startling total of inactive members we have.

"If we win as few as twenty a year we still are making progress. We must go back to work with them again, even as a salesman does with his prospects."—Kenneth D. Jensen, high councilman assigned to lead senior Aaronic priesthood committee.

**Bishop Isaacson**

"Your most serious problem is the spirtual inactivity of your brethren, the senior Aaronic members and the inactive Melchizedek prietsthood in Berkeley Stake. Do you know that one-holf your members are inactive a probably 3000 in this one stake?

"Bishops should now organize these men into quorums with officers of their own. Then give them a roll book with names and addresses of the ward's senior Aaronic members. Tell them to get them all to come out, and give these groups special meeting rooms and a teacher."—Presiding Bishop's Counselor Thorpe B. Isaacson.

"Without activity and also without the intangible spirtituality caught from Church association, and meetings one cannot gain a testimony and be reclaimed to the Church. I know. I speak as a former Senior Aaronic."—Kirke Decker stake superintendent YMMIA.

"I have learned by experience who is running our stake's welfare farm. It's not any of us, finally It is The Lord."—Pres. Ranker.

"Through my church activity and attendance to duty and prayer a whole new world has opened to me."—Charles Henderson, young man formerly inactive.

# Another LDS Girl Chosen to Have Trip in Europe

Beppie Anne Duker of Berkeley First Ward has been selected to go to Europe on an American Field Service scholorship. She will spend a summer with a Swedish family, living with them as a member of the family. Under this plan several hundred American high school boys and girls go to Europe each summer.

Beppie Anne is the third LDS member among the 12 students selected from three high schools in this district in the past two years to be given this honor .Last year Bonnie Clark of Walnut Creek Ward and David Owens of Berkeley Second Ward were also selected for this unique experience.

Beppie Anne a junior at Berkeley High School, was born in Berk k, the daughter of Fred and Kathryn Cooley Duker. Her parents moved to Hawaii while she was a baby and she grew up there. In 1953 the family returned to Berkeley. She has two sisters, Martha and Barbara Duker.

# *Concord Initiates Intriguing Fireside Led by B Markham*

**Led by Bee Markham**

A new idea in the matter of Firesides has grown and flowered in Concord Ward under the direction of Bishop Dwayne Anderson and sponsored by former bishop and Mrs. Ira J. Markham.

All wards of the entire Bay area are being alerted to these intriguing sessions which gather on the first Sunday evening of May and June at the spacious new home of Ira J. and Bee Markham, 290 La Vista Ave., Concord. A call has gone out to all concerned to come and be one with the group.

The following letter has been mailed to all bishops in near-by stakes as well as Berkeley Stake:
Dear Bishop;

The Concord Ward is sponsoring two open-house firesides for all single or un-attached young men and women of our church, twenty-five and older on the first Sundays of both May and June—9:00 p.m.

Brother and Sister Ira Markham will be host and hostess for the group at their home, 290 La Vista Ave., Concord.

Will you please encourage these special people of your ward to attend?

Also please ask your ward clerk to send us as soon as possible a list of the men and women belonging in this group from your ward. We would like to issue a personal invitation to them.

Thank you kindly,
(signed) Bishop Dwayne Anderson

Further information on the group may be had by calling.
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Paul Martin Sec. Mulberry 2-8039
Peggy Anderson Mulberry 5-6143

# Contest Open

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**There will be payment for plays in class A $300.00 for superior plays; $200.00 for excellent plays and $100.00 for good plays. Class B—Musicals will have the same payments for superior, excellent and good. Payments for Class C will be $150.00 for superior short plays; $100.00 for excellent and $50.00 for good short plays.**

Songs are grouped in two classes: A Class songs for the age group in the Mutual organizations and B,MIA songs for general use. Payment in each class will be made for Superior $30.00, for excellent $20.00 and for good $10.00 or they will be rejected for publication.

All who are interested may get further details from ward and stake MIA supertintendencies and presidencies throughout the Church.

Plesant Hill

# Fourth Birthday of Ward May 4

**by Shirley P. Moore**

The fourth birthday for the Plesant Hill Ward will be observed May 4 with a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. for adults and also children over 12 years of age. A special party will be held for the smaller children Saturday morning, May 5, at 9 a.m. Sally Gleason is general chairman for the celebration and assisting her are Paul Oram, Charles Brown, Georgia Williams, Nellie Allred, Virginia Macey, Ray Perona, Lee Alngren, Adele Casper, Mona McClurg and Mary Katherine Kowalski.

On the evening of May 18th at 8 p.m. the Singing Mothers under the direction of Evelin Tueller, will present a song festival at the chapel featuring a review of the best-loved songs form 1890 to the present day. Since Singing Mothers have gained a reputation as an outstanding musical organization, this program promisces to be delightful. A dance team and a "beauty shop quartette" will add to the enjoyment of all. No admission charge.

**Primary Sunday Service**

The annual Primary Sunday Service is scheduled for the evening of May 6. Dorothy Mathews will direct the Primary children in a tableau and musical program the theme of which will be our basic Church books. . . . .

Our Junior Gleaners are to be commended on their lovely dress and fashion show. "Buttons and Bows", April 21. The girls and their mothers modeled dresses they had made.

The recently organized Sunday School genealogy class has met with even more interest than was anticipated. The class is proving to be of valuable assistance to those who wish instruction in genealogical research. Paul Oram is class leader.

**Relief Society Welfare Serving**

Two members of the Relief Society received training at the Stake Welfare Center in preparation for this year's welfare project of men's and boys' pants. The week of April 30 was assigned to Plesant Hill ward to complete its share of the project. Eight women worked each day at the Welfare Center.
ed of approximately forty young people under the direction of Lavon Pardini, is preparing for participation in the Salt Lake June Conference. A preview of their accomplishments was presented to the combined Plesant Hill-Walnut Creek Wards at a speech and music festival, April 1.

The month of March brought several showers—baby showers, that is. Among those feted were Betty Evans, Evelyn Christenson, and Edna Somers.

The Primary has added the following teachers to its staff: Geneve Scott, Norma Carlson, Beth Pierce, and Sharon Carlson.

Thomas Carl, son of Lester and Evelyn Christenson, was blessed at the March fast meeting.

**Bishop's Message**

There is nothing more important to our happiness and progress in the Church than maintaining a high standard of activity. Through activity we fulfill duties to our fellow men, we enjoy association with the finest and closest friends on earth, we bring a better spirit of love and harmony into our homes, we bring peace to our minds and joy to our hearts.

Throughout all our days we should look forward to work in God's Kingdom in whatever position we may be called to serve—and great will be our joy both here and hereafter.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

Berkeley Stake.

# M Men-Gleaners Elect New Heads

A new council to serve the Berkeley Stake M Men and Gleaners was elected at the Stake Fireside Sunday March 25 in the Claremont chapel. The election resulted as follows: Mike Tower, council president; Joyce Couldin, gleaner representative; James Light, M Men representative. The secretary is yet to be appointed. . .

The M Men-Gleaner week was most successful. Attendance was reported in excess of 500 in the events during the week. All four stakes may well be congratulated for the success of the Firesides, fun and talent nights, the Saturday dance and dinner and the closing thrilling testimony meeting Sunday.

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Rodeo Ward

# Teacher Entertains Junior Gleaners

**By Una Ellsworth**

The Jr. Gleaners of Rodeo were entertained by their teacher, Noblene Echols, at her home on March 20. White carnations tied with silver ribbons were presented to the girls.

Deanne Davidson and Elmae Lane were recognized for their achievement toward becoming Silver Gleaners. Reta Roth, YWMIA activity counselor, was guest speaker. Deanne presented a musical pantomine to usher in spring. Honored guests were Ruth Davidson, Deanne's mother, and Kay Ballard, YWMIA president.

Bishop T. Cleon and Sister Hope Fitt and their young sons, attended the semi-annual conference at Salt Lake City where they were joined by their twin sons, Jon and Jay Fitt, students at Brigham Young.

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Berkeley First

## The Thomas Call Family to Move To Panama

The Thomas O. and Verna Call family will be leaving Berkeley for the Panama Canal Zone sometime in July, it is learned. They have made a large place for themselves in the three short years since they joined the Berkeley First Ward, when Bro. Call was transferred from Japan to the Oakland Quartermaster Market Center by the army.

Elder Call has been serving as the president of the First Elder's Quorum, while Verna has been a member of the Stake Relief Society Board. Both David and Osmond have been functioning near 100 per cent in their callings. David attends the University while Osmond goes to the Berkeley High. David helps as typist for the Messenger in spare time also.

Since Thomas Call was called from the reserve corps in Boise, Idaho in 1940 into active service he has advanced to the rank of Lt. Col., in the Army Quartermaster corps. He has seen assignments in San Luis Obispo, California (1940-46), Korea (1946-48), in Chicago (1948-50), back to Korea (1950-52), in Japan (1952-53) and in Berkeley since May 1953.

LDS born he and Verna have served in all organization of the Church, almost. . .

Doris and Dwight Dixon write from Houston (where he is engaged in University teaching) ordering the Messenger, and saying that they are getting established in Houston, working in the Church and making many friends. "Dwight enjoys his work very much and is sure that he makes a good decision in accepting the position", says Doris. She says that the weather in winter is tolerable, but hot and humid in the summer. Air conditioning is a must. They plan to buy a home in 1956. She closes with, "best wishes". . .

The Easter Sunday evening program, conjoint with Berkeley II, was a sacred music offering by the combined choirs led by Harold Glen with Mary Burton playing the prelude on the organ. Lois Sconberg sang "At the End of the Sabbath" as a solo and Frank Parsons read the resurrection story from Scripture. Richard W. Owens, Second Ward chorister helped out in the choir. . .

The whole ward turned out to bid farewell to the George Halls at a pleasant after-church affair at the home of Bishop Fife, and Bishop Lois Jarmon being sponsors.

Joseph and LaVon Eyring have had Joe's parents visiting them. Joe's father is 84, and as fine a specimen of aged, dignified manhood as could be.

## Earl Peterson, 66 Dies in Albany

Jacob Earl Peterson of the fifth quorum of elders and ward teacher of Berkeley II, died Friday April 6 at his home, 1201 Arlington Avenue, Albany at the age of sixty-six.

Earl leaves a widow Roxy H. Peterson, two daughters, Mrs. Lavaune Hinds of Sacramento, and Mrs. Jane Duncan of El Cerrito; a son, Kimball Peterson of El Cerrito, four brothers and two sisters, and five grandchildren.

At the time of death, Elder Peterson was employed as a salesman at Sunset View Cemetery, Berkeley. Prior to this he operated the Oaks Variety Store on Solano Avenue. At one time he dealt in used cars.

Funeral services were conducted by Bishop Ward Green in the Berkeley LDS chapel, April 10, Ellis Olson Mortuary rendering service.

Interment followed in Sunset View Cemetery.

Earl had succeeded in having a section of Sunset View Cemetery set aside for LDS members exclusively. Roxy will continue with Earl's work, carrying on where he left off. She expresses many thanks for herself and family for the many gestures of sympathy and love.

Earl was a true friend, valiant in the battle of life, cheerful, kindly, industrious. He was universally loved and respected for his integrity.

## Walnut Creek Then and Now

By Bonnie Clark

The old Justice Court, which stood on Main Street, Walnut Creek many years ago was the scene of the first meeting place of a few Latter-day Saints in the area. For music Brother Glen L. Elliott brought an organ over the Fish Ranch Road in his Model T Ford touring car.

In 1933 the location was changed to East Street. When the depression moved in the members moved out. Some went to Berkeley, Oakland or Martinez for church services. The property was sold and the profits turned over to the Martinez Branch.

In 1941 came World War II; with it came people to built ships and supply the military posts with service men. Eventually in Walnut Creek thirty members were found, and on June 7, 1942 an evening meeting was held at the generous home of the Joseph Browns.

President German E. Ellsworth of the California Mission organized a branch June 14, 1942 with Carl C. Fielding, Amasa A. Bliss, and Joseph (Jay) Brown as the branch presidency. Brother Brown knew a friend whose wife was president of the local Women's Club and who have been impressed with the Mormons and their beliefs.

When asked if the saints could rent the Club's facilities, they were only too glad to say, yes. Henceforth that large Club House became the meeting place of the little branch.

Pres. Fielding soon moved away and Joseph (Jay) Brown became branch president for three years with Jesse W. Grover and a brother Ellsworth as counselors. Then a missionary became president until the branch was changed from the California Mission and made part of the Oakland Stake in 1946.

Among the many brothers and sisters who made valuable contributions to the growth of the branch two sisters are mentioned: Georgia Williams now of Pleasant Hill Ward, and Sister Osborn of Danville.

President Eugene Hilton reorganized the Branch, June 2, 1946; with Kenneth Jensen, president and John Openshaw, first counselor. Priesthood, Relief Society and Sunday School meetings were held in the morning hours, but there was no place for sacrament meetings. We were now in the Oakland Stake.

Brother Emery Ranker offered his home; there sacrament services were held until January 22, 1948.

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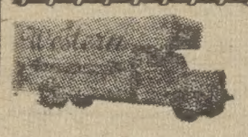
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# Six-Stake YWMIA Camping Institute Plan, Demonstrated for 1956 Season In San Leandro Ward Chapel

In preparation for the 1956 camping season, leaders from San Joaquin and Bay Area wards and stakes of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association met Friday and Saturday April 13 and 14 in San Leandro chapel. Oakland was host stake in a 6-stake institute.

Fred N. Moscon, associated with the Young Women's General Board in planning camp programs and giving demonstrations, was an active participant.

Twenty-six stake leaders Friday evening participated in a cook-out and demonstration by Brother Moscon. Administration, program planning and organization were discussed. A campfire program was presented by Berkeley Stake leaders. An "overnight" proved to be beneficial and enjoyable.

**'Best Institute Ever"**

"It was the best Institute ever; we should have given it more publicity:" "The Institute was excellent the leaders outstanding"; "What enthusiastic and humble leaders; they are an inpiration "This has been most informative and inspirational, I shall never miss another"; "I had no idea that so much went into camp planning—I'll feel better about letting my daughter attend camp," were some of the expressions found on the evaluation sheets, unsigned and returned to the leaders.

Outstanding leaders conducted the department sessions; Fred Moscon, camp and nature crafts; Ruth Bentley, camp director, Palo Alto Stake, demonstrated camp cooking; Robert Kenner, a Silver Beaver Scout man from Tracy, presented many new and workable ideas in setting up a group or family camp; Maxine Pickett, Berkeley Stake activity counselor, presented ideas for stunts, skits and stories that might be used around the camp fire.

Other leaders included Vera Johnson, music director, Oakland Stake board, showed the way to have fun through singing; Trieste Hall, Oakland Stake activity counselor ably handled water activities, games and sports, Dale Roe, Red Cross Safety representative, assisted by showing water front pictures. . . Myrtle Snarr, who has assisted at camp for the past few years, displayed many articles that might be used in the handicraft activities in camp.

Lorna Birchall, division co-chairman and San Joaquin Stake Y. W. president, talked on the importance of understanding our girls and counseling. Fred Moscon spoke of the spirtual values in camp. A panel discussion with Rhea Gustaveson as moderator, "Do we Belong," brought out the importance of a complete organization and that it takes all leaders to successfully put over a good encampment or a day outing.

Working with Sister Gustaveson were Velma Aldredge of district B and the stake sports-camp directors of district A, including Virginia Jones, Oakland; Bette Jones, Berekeley, Gail Wood, San Francisco, Ruth Bentley, Palo Alto.

## Professional Directory

In conformity to professional ethics regarding approved forms for listing in formal published professional directories, the Complete Pocket-sized LDS 4-Stake Directory in July will carry reserved pages as in the telephone yellow pages for all the various LDS professional personnel in the four Bay-area Stakes.

Only names, office addresses and telephones will be listed and this under plain headings of the various professionals concerned. Printing costs amount to $1.50 each.

The desire is to make these professional listings complete; to this end we bespeak the kind cooperation of all within the month, if possible. Address the Messenger, 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley. AS 3-8131.

## Four Local Men In Top 30 Producers With Insurance Co.

Harold J. Hickenlooper, C.L.U., San Francisco, California; Marion D. Redford, Oakland, California; Lester J. Swayze, Walnut Creek, California, and Don C. Wood, well known local Life Underwriters, have been listed amaong the top thirty producers of the Beneficial Like Insurance Company for the year 1955, as announced by the company.

These men lead the field force of over three hundred agents who are active in the Beneficial Life field force throughout the ten western states. All have been outstanding since they became affiliated with the company.

It is also pointed out that all are active in church and civic activities in their communities. All are members of the Charles J. Taylor Agency in Oakland, California.

# BYU to Send Queen to Berkeley Football Festival

Berkeley's Football Festival this fall will have among its out-of-state competing queens lovely Joan Schoenfeld, recently elected competitively by the student body of the Brigham Young University to come to Berkeley as the "Y's" first entry in the coast event put on each year by the city's Junior Chamber of Commerce.

With the title of Spring Football Queen, Miss Schoenfeld (home state is Ohio) also received gifts from Provo merchants including silver, jewelry, china and clothing and began her duties by reigning over the annual Blue-White Football game April 25 on the "Y" campus.

Runners up for the honor of queen were La Deane Olsen and Karen Dixon, both of Provo.

Miss Schoefeld has been offered a modeling position for the summer by a bathing suit designer, the LDS lady, Rose Marie Reid, faous bathing suit designer and manufacturer of Los Angeles. Mrs. Reid plans to design the new queen suit to war in the Berkeley parade. Gerrie Schultz of Oakland was one of the ten girl finalists.

## WALNUT CREEK

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Sister Peru Evans' minutes of the sacrament meetings, we hear, were truly inspirational.

Once a week Sister Alice Everett would go to the elementary school and bring to her home a group of youngsters for the purpose of holding a Primary meeting.

On October 10, 1948 Sister Ranker was made YMMIA president along with counselors Elaine Jensen and Bertha Green.

President W. Glenn Harmon proposed January 16, 1949 that Walnut Creek Branch became a ward. The vote was unanimous and Kenneth Jensen became the first bishop of Walnut Creek Ward.

Toward the end of 1950 a new bishop was set apart, Bishop Robert G. Larsen with Alma H. Uffens and Jonathan Oakes and Max Green as his counselors and clerk.

After the proposition of buying property for a new chapel was sent to the General Authorities for approval, the ward was divided March 31, 1952, and the Pleasant Hills Ward was created with Bishop Joseph R. Hilton as bishop. For the spiritual and social welfare of the youth the Mutuals remained combined.

Fund-raising projects started February 1953 for the building of a two-ward chapel. On June 20, 1953 ground was broken. After much hard labor the chapel was completed and dedicated on Nov. 12, 1955 by Elder Harold B. Lee a member of the Quorum of the Twelve.

The bishopric of Walnut Creek was again reorganized March 18, 1956 with Mark Bickley, bishop and Taylor Abegg and Richard Miller, counselors.

There have been struggles, problems and much work from the beginning, but the Lord's work moves ever onward. Now it grows by leaps and bounds as do the blessings we receive in doing his work.

## MOTHERS, FATHERS DAY GOOD TIME FOR GIFTS OF IMPROVEMENT ERA

For Mother's Day and Father's Day in May and June Improvement Era directors have issued a reminder that the Improvement Era makes a wonderful gift. You may contact one of the officers of the YMMIA or the YWMIA, or Era director,

## *Local Stakes' 1956 Conferences*

S. F. Stake, June 2-3; Sept. 29-30.
Oakland, Sept. 1-2; Nov. 17-18.
Palo Alto, Sept. 8-9; Nov. 24-25.
Berkeley, Aug. 25-26; Oct. *13-14.
*Special Programs for 10th Birthday of Stake.

**Martinez Ward**

# "Make Believe" Theme of Ward Green and Gold

**by Alva Mae Forsyth**

"Make Believe" was the theme of the Ward Gold and Green ball. An excellent floor show was put on by members of the ward.

Bessie Duke and Rhoda Jennings returned from Salt Lake Primary and General Conference with many helpful and exciting experiences to report. Carla Zenk has been acting as a substitute teacher for over two months and the Primary is most appreciative for her help. Sandro Harrison was graduated from Primary into Mutual on April 15.

Pat Pucket, Wayne and Gladys Holden, Boyd Duke and Loretta Cook also attended General Conference, Sister Cook remainded in Salt Lake to visit.

Charles Thomas Bloom, Minnie Genevieve Bloom, Levi Ernest Owen David Frederick Little were confined members of the Church April 1, 1956.

Bishop Evenson and his family have returned from an extended vacation in Arizona. They visited the Mesa Temple, and enjoyed such points of interest as Grand Canyon and Boulder Dam.

Nana Lea Busby was honored by a baby shower on April 18 at the home of Berta Evenson. Hostesses were Berta Evenson, Pat Puckett, Della Harrison, Nelda Polson, Rhoda Jennings and Ida Perrins.

Ward members recently hospitial ized are Boyd Duke, Grant Shaw, Ancil Rorick and Opal Semon. All are doing well.

## History of Doctors

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Armis J. Ashby, Hearl Crowther, James M. Dean, John Hughes, Reuben Knight, Merle E. Morris and Douglas Pingree, Keith L. Mann, D. Kent Matney and Mark H. Pyne. Raymond Knight was one of the earliest dentists in Berkeley (now practices in San Francisco). He opened offices in 1930 at the same time that Dr. Reuben opened his office in Antioch.

These men have found time from their pressing schedules to serve both the Church and the community and have enviable records of service and achievement.

Typical of this, since brevity of this article preculdes mentioning them all, are Doctors Milton Ream and Emery Ranker who are serving as counselors in the stake presidencies of Oakland and Berkeley Stakes respectively. Dr. Ream is also serving on the Board of Directors of the new Eden Township Hospital. He was closely and untiringly associated with the organization and building of this newest and most modern medical center. Doctor Grant Ellis has not only served the Church as member of the high council in the Berkeley Stake, but is vice president of the Alameda - Contra Costa Medical Association, which has a membership of sixteen hundred doctors.

## Localites Leave For South Pacific Bomb Test Areas

Several of the Bay Area Church members are now in the Marshall Islands (which includes Okinawa and Bikini islands) to have a part in the tests of the atomic and nuclear bombs for the next few months by the govenrment.

Walter Basinger of Berkeley First who works in Livermore has been in the islands since the first part of April. He will return in July or August, it is thought.

James Ruff and Russell H. Ball left for the tests late in April. Russell has been with the AEC offices in Alburquerque for nearly a year and took Bro. Ruff into his office there to work on his staff about the first of the year.

**Vinal G. Mauss**

**Quotes**

**"There are Too Many People Praying For Mountains of Difficulty To Be Removed, When What They Really Need is Courage To Cimb Them."**

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